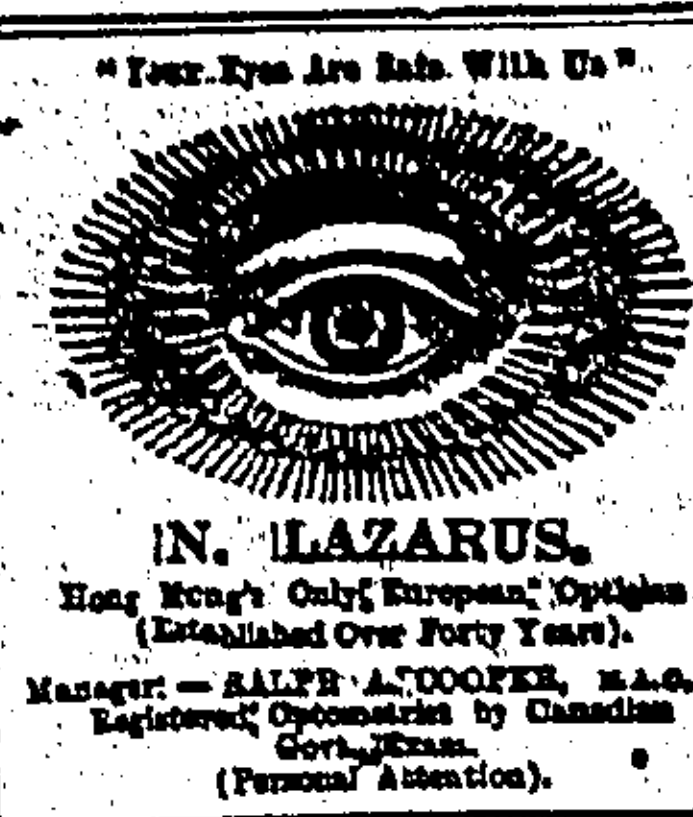


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UNDER THE PUNKAH.

By J. PENN.

Some queer communications find their way into the Editor's room, and into his waste-paper basket. When I called the other day to pull his leg a little about his references to "boy snappers" and Mr. Maxton's friendly relations with "Mr. Truce," the Editor handed me some correspondence with which (so he said) he had no time to deal. The first letter I looked at seemed well worth publication, because of its great local interest. So many people complain of the heat in summer and the cold in winter that they surely must be interested in the following communication, which comes from San Francisco:—

To The Good People of China.
Via The Press And Radio.
My dear Chinese Friends:—Our missionaries tell and write so many good things about you people, it makes me want to communicate with you. We believe that you are the coming great nation, and will soon be one of the foremost nations in the world even excelling us, if we don't get back to God and reverence His son Jesus better.

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We hope that all the educational agencies will join us in the spread of the news about this machine. It is for humanity and not for sale.

May God Bless China.

J. A. SHIRES.

Personal to the Editor and Radio-man:—Gentlemen, this letter is true every word of it. We hope that you will get it translated and send it to radio and also publish it your selves.

We thank you.

Now, what could be fairer than that? True, Mr. Shires will persist in writing "China," and he is a bit weak in his grammar as well as his spelling (but many of us brainy blokes are not strong in them things), yet his heart is in his right place. He is not selling this wonderful machine for making good weather warm and hot and cold. It is for humanity, but not for sale—though how the dickens Mr. Shires is going to build and distribute his big and most comprehensive machine without being paid for it is beyond me. However, "China" now knows what Mr. Shires is doing, and all that remains to be done is for him to come over to "China" and start making the summer so cool as to be comfortable. Never mind about melting the snow—we will take a chance on that, but we would

like Mr. Shires to keep the mercury down a bit, before freezing-point from June to September. In lively and grateful anticipation. I thank him.

Another curious communication the Editor handed me was written on a postcard from Germany:— "Kindly I beg you herewith to send me a specimen of your newspaper, because I am interested for it. Many thanks in beforehand. Further I should thank you, if you would also send the same to Herr Annaberg, Saxony, Germany, who were not disinclined for a subscription."

Well, I suppose the Editor is not disinclined for a subscription, either, so far as that goes. And here is another missive from Borneo:—

"Dear Sir, I beg to remind you that I had received your money from ten dollars. Three only and noted with many thanks. I beg to excuse me for a long time I never write you and now I hope you getting own well and we are here is getting present in good sound health I am sending my best compliments to Daily Press you all."

A member of our happy little community, who hails from "over the Border" is continually worrying over the amount of petrol his car consumes. The other day, he went to his garage, took the cap off the petrol tank and squinted inside. But it was too dark for him to see anything. He was very anxious to know how much petrol he had, so he struck a match to have a look. Accidentally, the burning match fell into the tank, and he heard a hooped disconcertingly, as he peered after the match, "cars eat baw-bees! She's empty again!"

A man who was very fond of babies met another liar on Battery Path. "Come along and have a spot," said one. "No," said the other, "I am going down to the hairdresser's to wait for my wife."

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They're in an antique shop!

Overheard at a recent function which was being enlivened by an adjacent bonfire. Anxious feminine voice:—"How many smuts have I got on my face?" Sympathetic escort:—"Can't count, my dear. About as many as I've got on mine!" A little further down:—"What I hate are those (adjective) patrol pumps in the New Territories. They're out of the picture. They spoil the scenery." "Would not wholly seriously?" "Would you mind if they were properly curled in the right places and had a dragon on top?" "No, by Jove."

I'll write to the Legislative Council and suggest it!"

Many of our friends from the Franconia have dubbed Hong Kong "The Home of Hustle." A party of them were making their way from the ship to the Ferry on Wednesday. Everybody was running. Nothing loth, they joined in the sprint, and the last of the party just managed to scramble aboard when the gate slammed and the Ferry was off. "Che!" exclaimed one of them, admiringly, "these Chinese are sure snappy!" "Snuthin!" replied the other, "jest hook your peepers on to that packet!" Coming down the harbour was the Kau Sing, carrying out trials at full speed. The Ferry rocked and rolled in her wake, and our American friends gave fresh gasps of surprise as the submarines L13 and L20 swept by in a flurry of foam with their white-jerseyed crews lining the fore'side decks. Overhead, three aeroplanes from Kai Tak were exercising.

But worse was in store for the visitors. As they left the Ferry a motor-bus bore cheerfully down upon them, and they had to scatter suddenly to avoid being run over. A three-piece fiddishaw added its quota to their demoralisation. A sudden rush of rickshaws after prospective passengers put the Americans to flight. They took refuge in a taxi and were whisked off to the offices of the American Express. "Hoicks!" their leader was heard to remark, "Hong Kong for Hustle, eh?" Evidently he had not been introduced to Mr. Maskee!

Here is a story, as told by my old friend Bottelshwait. A certain gentleman who had worked for a concern for nearly twenty years was going home for the first time, and for good. His firm stood him a farewell dinner. Speeches were made, and during the evening the chairman handed the parting guest a cheque and his steamer ticket. When the last speaker had finished his say, the recipient of the cheque rose to his feet. "Speech, speech!" shouted his late colleagues amid thunderous applause. The homegoer took a sip at his "whisky dry," cleared his throat, and began. "Gentlemen," he said, "for the kind presentation and your still kinder remarks I thank you. I shall be sorry to leave some of you—others I shall be only too glad to say goodbye to. There is Mr. —, who has a nice, kind face, but we who work for him know him for what he is. There is Mr. —, who is one of the —, but none will not permit me giving the full catalogue of complimentary remarks made by this very unconventional speaker, who concluded his speech by saying: 'And now, gentlemen, as my ship sails in half an hour, I must beat it!' And he did."

TO-DAY'S CYNICISM.
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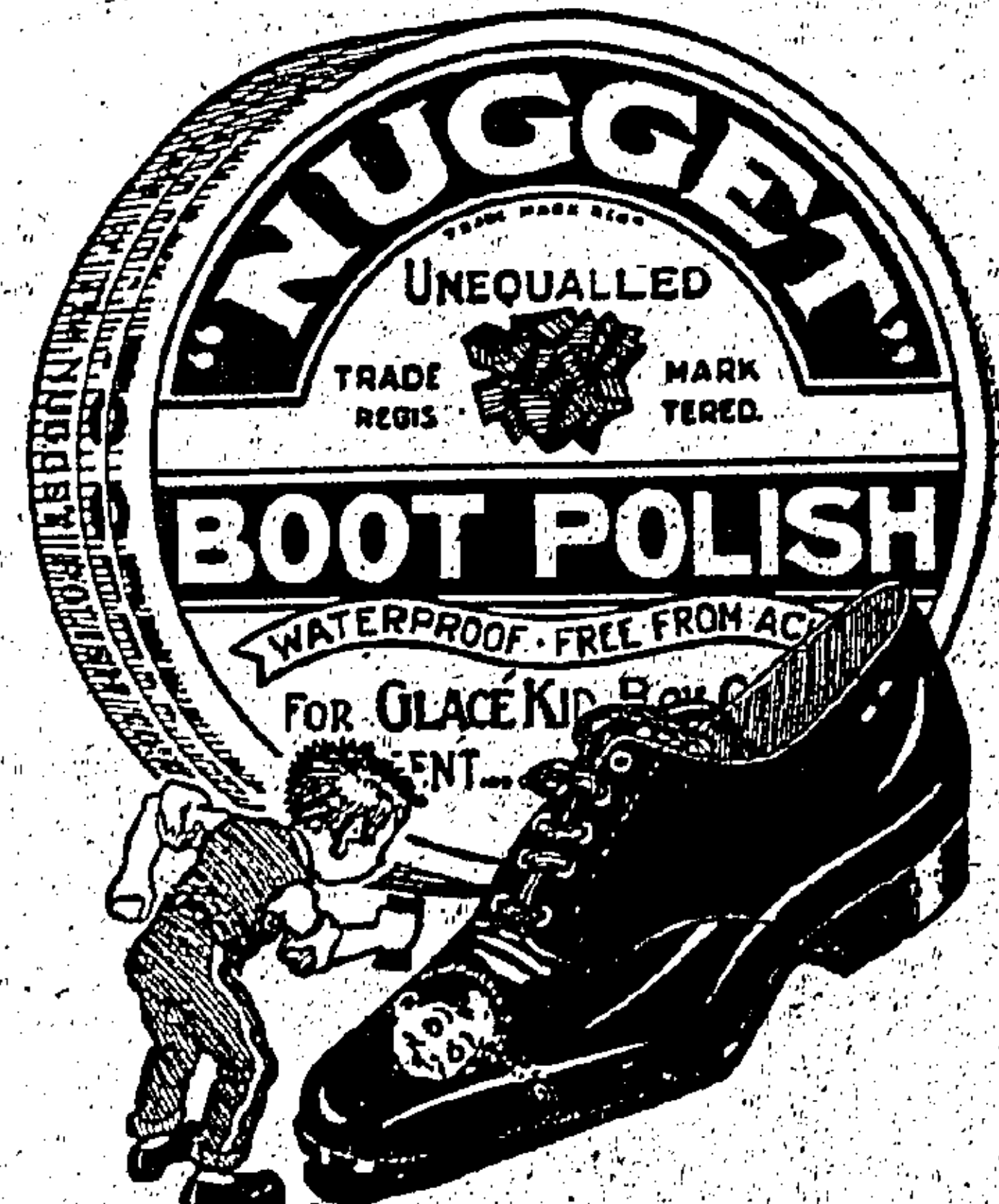
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Diary of Coming Events.

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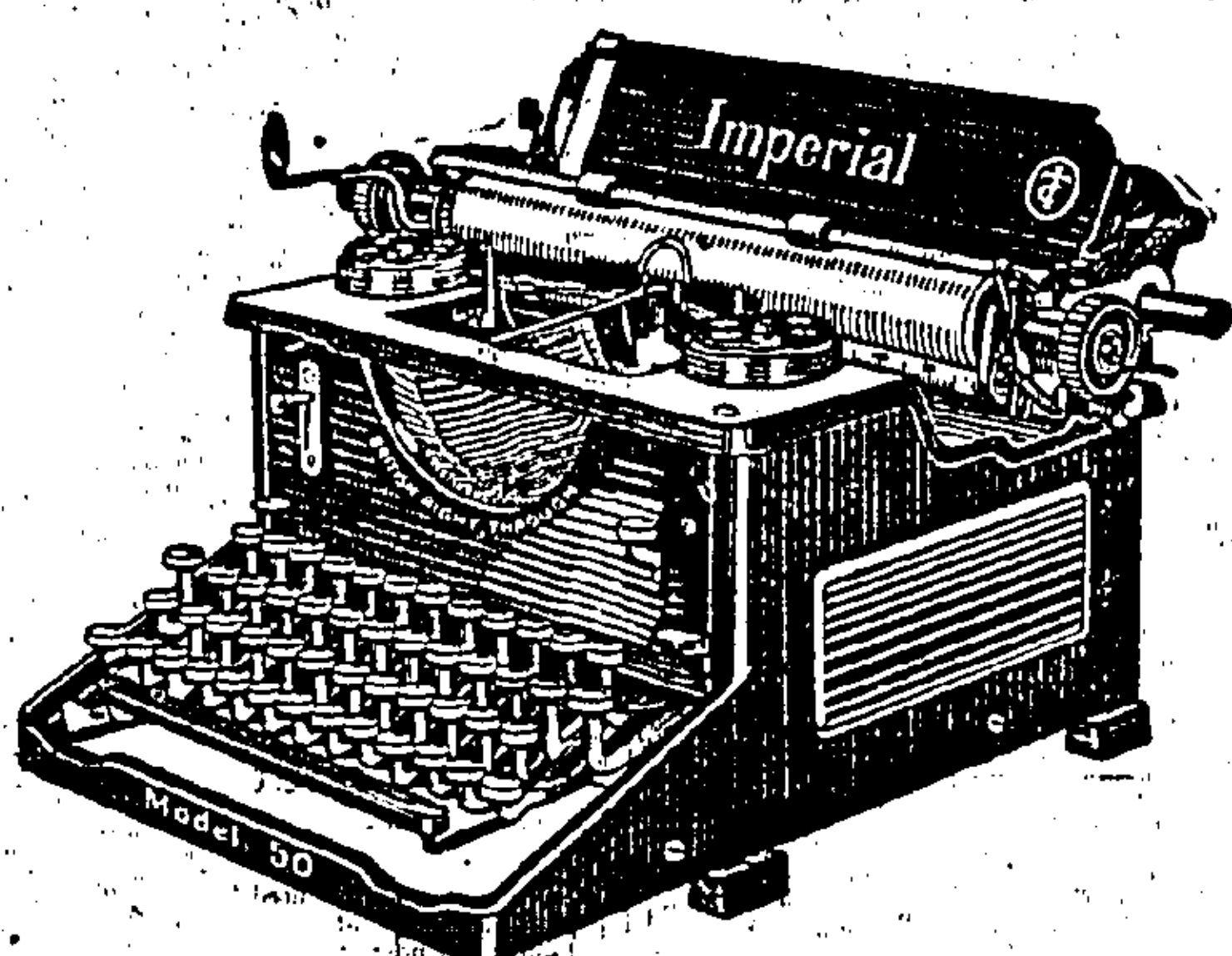


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AN APPEAL TO DEALERS AND READERS.

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Berlin (U.P.).—Usually the complaint is that books cost too much, but lately Frank Thiess, the noted German novelist, has come forward with the assertion that the retail prices of "good" books are without exception far below their true value. He would have the price of a book determined by the worth of its contents and not, as appears to be the universal practice, by the cost of production.

Setting forth his views in an article in the *Deutsche Allgemeine Zeitung*, he appealed to dealers alike to adopt what in his opinion would be a more sensible attitude toward book prices. This attitude would ignore the now familiar mass production argument, i.e., that cheaper books make for wider distribution and increased sales; it would proceed instead on the hypothesis that people who are sincerely interested in good books will buy them anyhow so long as the price is within reason and that the only price within reason is one which is commensurate with the contents of these books.

"Apologetic" Dealers.

Thiess turned first to the book-sellers and declared that he could not spare even these "honoured friends" the reproach which he believed was their due. He had witnessed "not once, but a dozen times," he wrote, "a book dealer assume an 'apologetic' demeanor when a customer complained of the cost of a priceworthy work, smiling sourly, as though he half-way agreed."

He told of having seen a dealer of this sort go into another shop to buy a pair of stockings; the dealer haggled for a while over the price, but the saleswoman eventually convinced him that the stockings were in fact being sold too cheaply, and the man left the shop feeling certain he had struck an unusual bargain.

Thiess would have the booksellers take the same determined attitude toward their own wares; instead of apologizing whenever a prospective buyer intimates that a certain book costs too much, he would have them try to persuade their customers that the better books are bargains at almost any price. His motto would be: "High-pressure salesmanship, not cheapness, will sell more books."

Now for the Purchasers!

Thiess was not the less considerate in his criticism of the people who buy books. They do not hesitate to pay out 12 marks for a seat at the opera, and at that price the seat is not of the best; but they will balk when the same amount is asked for a book written by an established author. They spend much more on worthless movies every year than they do on books; or they pay out from four to 12 or 16 marks on phonograph records when the same sum would buy a book "which can not be read out in eight minutes."

Comparing value for value, he contended, book buyers are getting much more for their money than are purchasers of other kinds of intellectual entertainment.

A change in the customary marketplace of green-grocer "attitude of the public toward book-shops was recommended."

Thiess suggested that the book-sellers "deal in royal wares, in books, not in delicatessen or linens"; that the man behind the bookshop counter is "not a clerk commencing a career, he is a purveyor of intellectual work," and some of these salesmen are "better read than a university professor." It followed that the public should act accordingly.

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SINO-JAPANESE BOYCOTT.

EFFECT IN PHILIPPINES.

DOUBTS AS TO JUSTIFICATION.

MANILA (U.P.).—Chinese boycott activities against the Japanese in the Philippines have resulted in a considerable decrease in imports from Japan and a corresponding increase in imports from China, Chinese Consul-General H. K. Kwong informed the United Press.

Statistics prepared by Consul Kwong's office show that during the months from September, 1927, to January, 1928, inclusive, there was an increase in China's trade with the Philippines of 766,637 pesos. During the same period there was a decrease in Japan's trade by 2,280,645 pesos. The Philippine peso may be taken as an approximate equivalent of the Chinese dollar, or almost exactly half the American dollar. Because of fluctuation, particularly in the dollar, figures are here given in the original pesos.

Imports from China.

Imported goods from China for September of 1927 and 1928 respectively were 237,739 pesos and 1,029,000 pesos, an increase of 98,961 pesos. Corresponding figures for other months were: October, 1,019,822 pesos and 1,248,351 pesos, increase of 228,469 pesos; November, 1,090,118 pesos and 1,142,614 pesos, increase of 52,496 pesos; December, 850,578 pesos and 1,083,336 pesos, increase of 232,758 pesos; January of 1928 and 1929, 1,033,351 pesos and 1,200,000 pesos, increase of 166,649 pesos.

Japanese imports for the same months of the two years ran as follows. Kwong's figures showed: September, 2,408,364 pesos and 1,431,116 pesos, decrease of 987,248 pesos; October, 2,357,738 pesos and 1,908,613 pesos, decrease of 449,115 pesos; November, 2,066,257 pesos and 1,963,083 pesos, decrease of 103,164 pesos; December, 2,190,880 pesos and 2,105,642 pesos, decrease of 85,238 pesos; January, 2,135,855 pesos and 1,503,000 pesos, decrease of 632,855 pesos.

Summarizing, it may be seen that for the months under survey the Chinese imports in 1927-8 totalled 4,934,696 pesos, and in 1928-9 came to 5,701,301 pesos, or a total increase of 766,605 pesos, whereas the Japanese imports for 1927-8 came to 11,159,114 pesos and for 1928-9 to 8,896,480 pesos, a decrease of 2,262,634 pesos.

Japan in Better Shape.

Consul Kwong admitted frankly that Japan was in better shape to provide most of the articles sent in by China, with the exception of meats and dairy products and perhaps silk, but he pointed out that the effectiveness of the boycott is a great stimulus to China's infant industries. So completely is Philippine trade in Chinese hands that the boycott can be made a powerful weapon here.

The trend, moreover, seems to be in the direction of making the boycott stronger. Unofficial figures for February show that Japanese imports for the month amounted to about 1,000,000 pesos as compared with a 2,000,000 customary figure, or a 50 per cent. drop.

"This movement is a peaceful one participated in by an increasingly large number of Chinese here," declared Consul Kwong. "We are not resorting to violence. One murder of a Chinese was attributed to alleged sale of Japanese goods; this assertion is wholly unsubstantiated; if a murder campaign were to be started, the large merchants would be targets, not an unimportant retailer."

"We Chinese are convinced that our boycott is justified and its present success is a matter of record."

Alleged "Secret" Meeting.

Manila newspapers carry accounts of an alleged "secret meeting" held by Japanese businessmen at the Japanese Club. A high Japanese official is said to have been present and plans are reported to have been made for measures to be taken to fight the efforts of Chinese to hurt trade with Japan.

Japanese merchants throughout the islands will be notified when a unified course of action is decided upon, it is said.

Meanwhile, the Chinese are proceeding with vigorous propaganda which includes slogans broadcast throughout the archipelago. The name of "merchant traitors" has been coined for Chinese who do business in Japanese goods, and most of the slogans refer to such Chinese.

Garages, for example, are supposed to display placards reading "No cars will be hired to merchant traitors." Theaters are to proclaim, "No merchant traitors allowed to see the show." Banks similarly are to announce "No credit to merchant traitors" while shops are to say, "We are unwilling to do business with merchant traitors."

CHINA'S HOMAGE TO IDEALS.

INFLUENCE OF DR. SUN YAT SEN.

Manila (U.P.).—China's historic homage to ideals was stressed by Consul-General H. K. Kwong in an address here at the Philippine Sun Yat Sen School's fourth graduation exercises, where he was principal speaker.

"In recent years," Consul Kwong continued, referring to the late Dr. Sun, "China has been revolutionized by the ideas of a great leader. He is honored as the father of the Chinese Republic, and his teachings are changing the views and mode of living of the Chinese, substituting and sending to oblivion some of the old Confucian principles."

New Meaning to Old Principles.

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Dr. Sun, Kwong declared, "gave old principles a new meaning and devised methods of application suitable to modern conditions and to the peculiar needs of the Chinese people."

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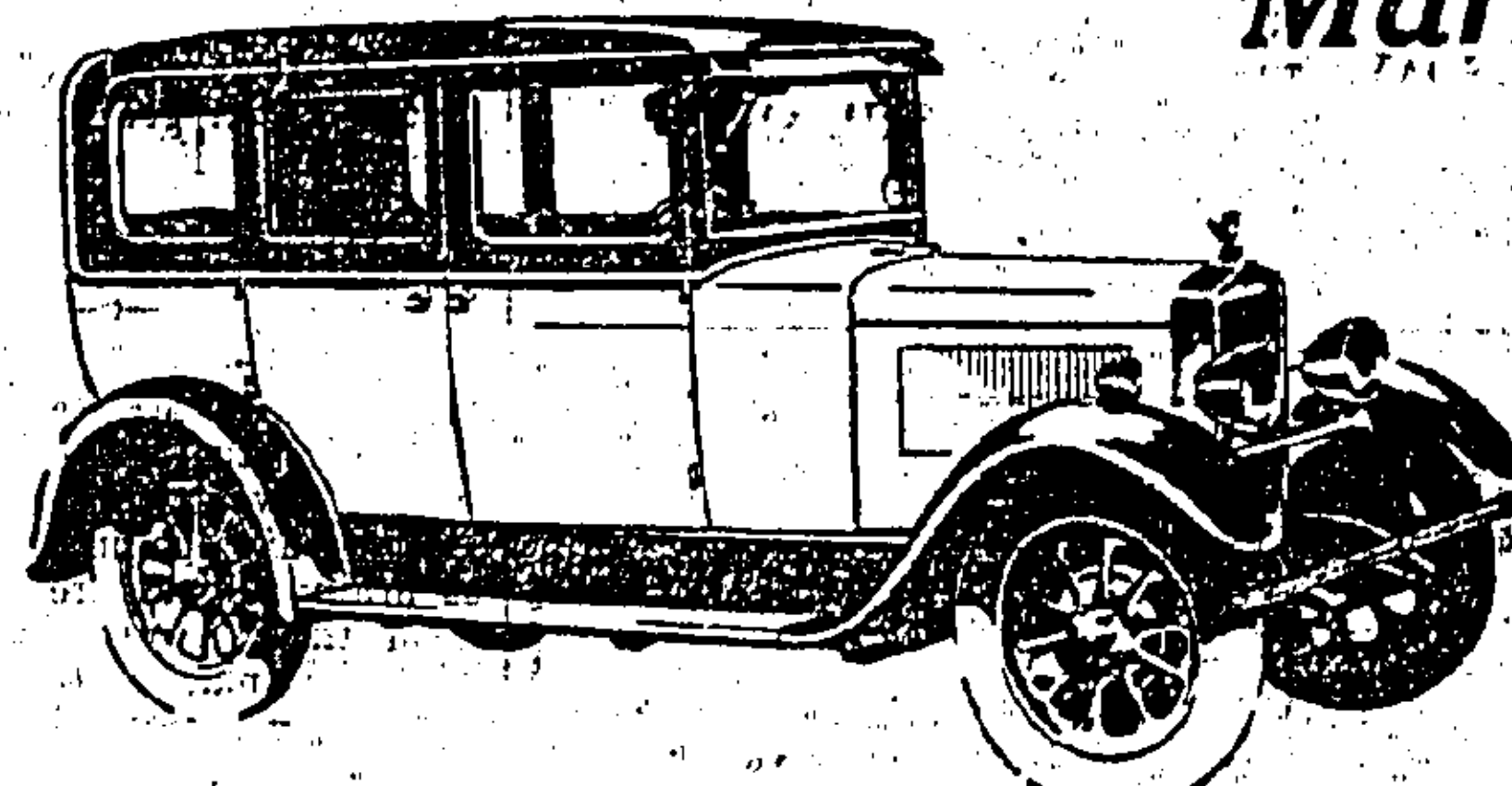
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SPORT AND ATHLETICS.

SWIMMING.

Competitive swimming in England is in a deplorable condition, judging by the strong comments in the annual report of the Amateur Swimming Association which was submitted to the council at Cheltenham recently.

Record entries were received for the club and county water-polo championships, but these favourable features were unfortunately offset to some extent by the serious falling off in the entries for the individual championships, states the report, which also calls attention to "the deplorable times recorded by the English entrants in the still water, middle and long distance events for men."

Attention repeatedly has been drawn to paucity of male swimmers of quality in this country over distances beyond two hundred and twenty yards, says the report, and this was evidenced in the Olympic Games. To some extent, too, the results in the A.S.A. championships support this statement, although it is recognised that some of the best men were not competing.

In the mile championship of England—the blue ribbon of English swimming—there were only three entrants, one being a Colonial swimmer on a visit to this country. Only he and one other swimmer started, and the latter did not finish. Comment is needless.

In the half-mile championship there were six entrants and four starters. The winner completed the distance in nearly a minute behind the standard time, the second a minute and a half behind standard, and the third over two minutes.

The 500 yards event was won by a French competitor, with J. G. Hatfield second (four-fifths of a second inside standard time), while the winner of the third medal was nearly a minute outside standard time.

It is an extraordinary feature that while English championships continue to attract Colonial and foreign entries, English competitors themselves appear to hold them in little regard.

The committee stress these two regrettable features, because clearly the time has arrived when they must be given serious consideration by the council and remedial action taken.

The Hungarian Swimming Association has extended an invitation to the association to send a water polo team to Vienna and Budapest to take part in a series of matches in August.

Negotiations are being conducted with the German Swimming Association for a contest between the two countries to take place in England in the autumn, and a return match in Germany, probably in 1930 or 1931.

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BRITISH TENNIS TEAM IN SOUTH AFRICA.

The decision of South Africa to send a strong mixed team to Wimbledon this year lends great interest to the series of lawn tennis test matches which the British team is playing in Johannesburg. The South African team are able to gauge their chances in England, and the English players are discovering that South Africa has made great strides in the game recently. South Africa won the first test match at Durban by eight matches to three, and in the second test at Johannesburg three matches were played; Great Britain winning two and losing one.

In the opening match Dr. J. C. Gregory beat N. Malcolm, the Southern Transvaal player, by 7-5, 6-2. Gregory was baffled at first by the unusual antics of the ball at such a high altitude (Johannesburg is 5,600ft. above sea level). He gradually adapted himself to the conditions, however, and played with a brilliant second set, his back-hand drives down the side-line being a great feature. In the second match L. Raymond, who, like Malcolm, will be seen in England shortly, beat I. G. Collins, 6-3, 6-0. The doubles resulted in a win for Gregory and Collins over Condon and Malcolm by 7-5, 5-7, 8-6.

FENCING.

OXFORD PROVE TOO GOOD FOR CAMBRIDGE.

Oxford won the inter-varsity two weapon—foils and sabres—fencing match recently at the London Fencing Club. They scored six victories in the foils against three by Cambridge, and with the sabre contest halved at two victories each, the Dark Blues were successful, on the day, by 8 to 5.

Cambridge had been fancied to win, but were not such firm favourites as last year, when the Oxonians scored a most unexpected victory.

One of the features of the competition was an excellent display with the foil by F. J. Walter, the old Stowe School boy, who was the only member of either team to be undefeated with this weapon. By winning a great tussle with the Cambridge captain, J. T. M. Gibson, Walter made a foils victory certain for his side.

The features of the day's play were the brilliant batting of Nunes and the vigorous hitting of Holt. Nunes' 119 included sixteen 4's, while Holt hit two 6's and nine 4's. O'Connor gave a superb exhibition of free hitting, 44 of his 63 runs being 4's.

RUGBY.

ROYAL AIR FORCE RUN DARK BLUES TO ONE POINT.

The Dark Blues, at Oxford recently, defeated the Royal Air Force by the narrow margin of two tries (6 points) to a goal (3 points). The game was played on turf covered by two inches of snow and very hard, and, all things considered, the form of both teams was extremely good.

The Oxford men, though beaten at forward, held the upper hand behind the scrum in the first half, and a determined run by Macpherson brought a try, by which they led at the interval. The Air Force looked dangerous several times, but the University tackling was deadly.

The Air Force went ahead soon after the change of ends, Russell gaining a try from which Llewellyn placed a goal. The University, however, again obtained the advantage with a try by Russell, and they pressed to the finish without being able to overcome a sound defence.

FOOTBALLERS NOT TO WRITE.

"DISCORD" CAUSED BY PRESS ARTICLES.

Football players must not in future contribute reports or articles to newspapers containing criticisms of their colleagues or opponents.

This is the gist of a resolution passed by the Football Association Council, which states that such practices have caused resentment and discord.

An article stated to have been written by H. Bedford, of Derby County, was held to be a breach of this resolution, and it was decided that Bedford should be warned.

CRICKET.

All Jamaica gained an overwhelming advantage over Mr. Cahn's English team in the Test match at Kingston, Jamaica, when in reply to the tourists' first innings of 217 they totalled 503, and then dismissed four Englishmen for 146. Mr. Cahn's team, therefore, with only six wickets standing, still need 140 to escape an innings defeat.

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MAINLY FOR THE MEN.

Mr. Louis Morgen, known as "the millionaire barber," has said farewell to his barber's shop at the Hotel McAlpin after disclosing to his fifty employees the five rules of success which, he declares, have been responsible for his rise from a 12s. a week barber-boy at the age of ten to his present position in the ranks of the millionaires.

His customers have included three ex-Presidents of the United States.

Mr. Morgen lays down the following five rules of success for barbers:

1.—Always be courteous.
2.—Always be honest, and do not worry about the tip. If you know your business and are courteous, the tips will take care of themselves.

3.—Take a lesson in practical psychology and try to humour your customer. If he comes into the shop early in the morning with a grumble, make him happy and send him out with a smile.

4.—Do not talk too much, but if you must talk, talk intelligently.

5.—Read the editorials in the newspapers and be generally informed on the topics of the day, so that if necessary you can engage in an interesting and intelligent discussion of them.

In the midst of all the talk of banned books and plays, to say nothing of films, it is refreshing to see that some good soul has time to write to the Press about Mr. Pickwick's legal costs! Someone, it seems, wrote and enquired why Messrs. Dodson & Fogg did not take steps to obtain payment of Mr. Pickwick's costs—rather than pay which, and those of Mrs. Bardell, it will be remembered, the immortal man went to prison—by attaching his estate.

Another dear soul, who has made a study of these things, replied that the reason was that as Mr. Pickwick lived in furnished rooms, and his income was presumably derived from stocks and shares—not land—there was no process before Queen Victoria's reign whereby anything could be taken in execution of a judgment; and bankruptcy process was only available against traders.

There has recently been published an interesting and amusing little book on Dickens as a legal historian. It is written by Professor Holdsworth. Dickens, we know, sometimes availed himself of artistic licence; but as his profession was the law, he is not often "caught out."

The task of finding a new name for the oldest rank in the service is providing the navy with a curious form of word puzzle. The problem had its origin in the earliest days of a standing fleet, when the only officers of a ship were those appointed by Admiralty warrants as masters, boatswains, gunners, etc. As warships evolved and the various grades of commissioned rank were successively introduced, the warrant officers declined in status. They have always been recognised, however, as officers, and their position has latterly been stabilised as equivalent in rank to that of a second lieutenant in the army.

In recent years, with the opening up of new avenues of promotion to all branches of naval ratings, from electricians to cooks, the original classes have augmented to the number of sixteen, some with very unwieldy titles. There is another difficulty. The seniors who have now been granted commissions for long service can only officially be known as "commissioned officers from warrant rank" in addition to a title perhaps four words in length.

It is proposed to sweep away all this confusion and to substitute a simple name which can be applied to all classes of warrant officers by the addition of an initial letter, such as "B" for boatswain and "G" for gunner. Old naval records are being searched for some obsolete sea term that will readily be understood by the sister services and by the general public as the title of an officer. None has yet been discovered.

The Admiralty is believed to be sympathetic to the proposal, and it appears to be welcomed on all sides. In fact there is only one difficulty—the lack of a suitable name.

Mr. Justice Shearman, who has been interesting us with his views

upon films, is human enough to confess that he enjoys going to "the pictures," that he reads Edgar Wallace, and also that he gets a certain amount of pleasure in hearing a case.

He is essentially the plain, sensible judge, with a dislike of theatricalism. Another human quality about him is that he is one of the few judges with a nickname. He has been known as "Monty" Shearman since his Bar days. He wears an ungalg moustache, and looks rather the military man than the fine judge he is.

In his young days he was a noted printer. He is also a collector of books. "I buy books in obscure streets and market places," he once confessed.

Fancy pullovers are generally supposed to be a modern fashion, but a Paris journalist points out that modern jazz types were outdone by the fancy jersey waistcoats in vogue before the Revolution. Quoting from the "Secret Memoirs" of Beaumont (1787), he writes: "These waistcoats continue to be the historic monuments of the age. Those at present in fashion are known as 'The Notables.' They have embroidered pictures of the 'Assembly of Notables,' with the King on his throne in the middle of them. Others have hunting pictures, cavalry charges, and even naval battles."

Mr. E. Knightsmith, the well-known London toastmaster, who for the last 58 years, ever since he was a boy of 11, has been earning his living by his voice, says that he has toasted six kings and very nearly every famous person in this country. He has now been asked to officiate in an entirely new role. He is to be the announcer at the first fashion exhibition, to be held this year in Manchester. A number of well-known mannequins will display British fashions set off with a million pounds' worth of jewellery, all designed and mounted in England. Mr. Knightsmith is to wear the familiar crimson coat, which has now been universally adopted as the official costume for toastmasters, and which was originated by his wife many years ago.

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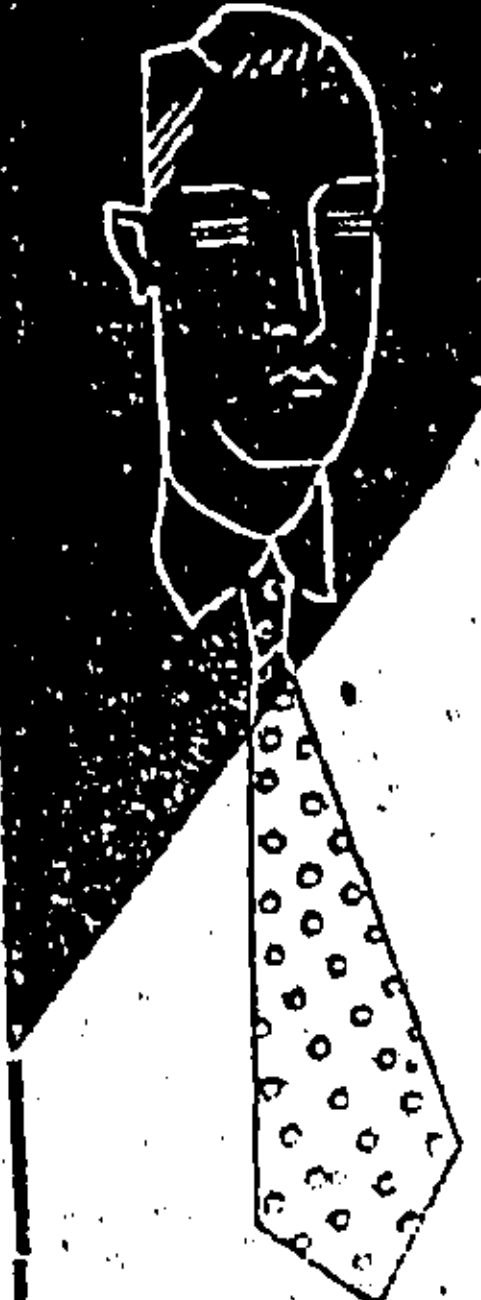
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THE BANVARD ENGLISH
COMPANY.
SOMETHING ABOUT THE
PLAYERS.

The Banvard English Comedy Company are opening a short season at the Star Theatre this day week with "A Cuckoo in the Nest." The play comes direct from the Aldwych Theatre, London, where it had a great success, and has, with other plays in the repertoire of this Company, received enthusiastic press notices in India and the Straits. Of the original production at the Aldwych, *The Times* said: "The audience were thoroughly exhausted with laughter." and *The Sporting and Dramatic*, "If you know of a better farce than this, by all means go to it."

A few notes on the players may prove interesting. Miss Josephine Kilfoyle was chosen by Sir James Barrie to play the name role in "Rose Marie" when that play toured England. Miss Valentine Clemon played "Polly" in "The Gentleman of the Frigate." Miss Anne Chippendale, who takes "Character" roles, was in the original cast of "When Knights Bled." Mr. Henry Corner has appeared in a "Royal Command" performance. Mr. Eric Elliott was with Margaret Bannerman in Australia. Mr. Reginald Tippett and Miss Elana Aherne were with Sir John Martin Harvey during several successful seasons. Mr. Ormiston Miller takes the male lead in most of the plays and particularly distinguishes himself in "The Fanatics."

The plays which we shall have the pleasure of seeing in Hong Kong during the visit of this company are besides "A Cuckoo in the Nest," "The Bookery Nook," "The Fanatics," "Other Men's Wives," "Two White Arms," "The Joker," and "The Terror."

We understand that half of these plays are to be given during the season which opens on Saturday, April 13, and the rest on the return visit which the Company will pay after going to Shanghai and Tientsin.

BANVARD COMPANY.

FAREWELL PERFORMANCE
TO-MORROW.

In their presentation of "Tip Toes" at the Star Theatre last night, the Banvard Musical Comedy Company maintained their reputation for providing a cheerful and vigorous entertainment. This is one of the brightest pieces in their repertoire and having made a great hit on their first visit, had to be repeated. Last night the comedy went with a swing from start to finish.

Better houses are expected at the last two performances of the Company. To-night, "Tip Toes," which was the introductory number of the Company on their first appearance, will be given. The farewell performance on Sunday night is a pot pourri programme in which favourite items will be presented.

CINEMA NEWS.

"THE GATEWAY OF THE MOON."

"The Gateway of the Moon," a drama of the South American jungle with Dolores Del Rio as the star, will be shown at the Queen's on Tuesday and Wednesday. The story deals with a company's efforts at building a railroad through the South American jungle. Gillespie, the chief engineer, played by Anders Randolf, is hated and feared by his workers. Toni, Dolores del Rio, is his niece, who neither fears nor hates him, but with the coming of Wyatt, she begins to recognize her uncle's evil nature.

HEALTH BULLETIN OF EASTERN PORTS.

The health bulletin of Eastern ports for the week ending March 30 gives the following record of cases:—

Plague.
Baghdad: 2 cases, 1 death.
Bombay: 1 death.
Phnom Penh: 4 cases, 4 deaths.

Cholera.
Bombay: 1 death.
Calcutta: 79 deaths.
Bangkok: 3 cases, 1 death.
Phnom Penh: 3 cases, 2 deaths.
Saigon: 5 cases.
Canton: 1 case.

Small-pox.
Aden: 9 cases, 4 deaths.
Basrah: 1 case, 1 death.
Bombay: 84 cases, 51 deaths.
Calcutta: 22 cases, 13 deaths.
Karachi: 59 cases, 20 deaths.
Koulmein: 5 cases, 1 death.
Vizagapatam: 15 cases, 2 deaths.
Singapore: 1 case.
Phnom Penh: 27 cases, 14 deaths.
Shanghai: 5 deaths.
Canton: 38 cases.

CHANG TSUNG CHANG'S NARROW ESCAPE.

MEN ARMED WITH BILL-HOOKS.

PILLAGE AND DISORDER AROUND CHEFOO.

Chefoo, March 28:—An interesting account is given of a skirmish between Chang Tsung Chang's forces, and the Wu Chi Hui bandits, some of whom are assisting the villagers to revenge the outrages perpetrated upon them by the soldiers. In this skirmish some thirty soldiers were killed as well as five members of the Wu Chi Hui, although the latter claim that they are invulnerable.

The explanation given is that the members of the Wu Chi Hui were eating when the call to arms was sounded. These five were so hungry that they took time to finish their meal and rushed off to battle without swallowing the piece of paper on which was written the charm to the Heavenly Father. This charm is said to consist of illegible characters which the warrior must swallow before going into battle.

In some cases the charm consists of a certain drug which stimulates the warrior into a frenzy and, whilst in this condition, the men make dangerous foes.

The Wu Chi Hui have no rifles, but depend on a long heavy knife attached to the six-foot pole which they carry, and for this reason, no wounded soldiers come back from the battlefields.

A Phalanx Round Chang.

It is recorded that Chang Tsung Chang, when proceeding from Huang Hsien to Ta Shin Tien, was surrounded by the Wu Chi Hui on March 21 and almost captured.

General Chang was stopping at a temple on a hill-top when it was surrounded and attacked by the Wu Chi Hui armed with their long bill-hooks. The soldiers formed a phalanx about General Chang and fought their way out of the trap, but in the fight that ensued some five or six hundred soldiers were killed, amongst them 30 to 40 officers including one general and two colonels.

Chefoo is beset with thousands of the old five-bar flags which appeared in profusion immediately upon the arrival of General Chang's troops, in spite of the orders issued some time ago by General Liu Chen Nien, the Nationalist commander, that every five-bar flag was to be burned.

A Reign of Terror.

In this north-east section of Shantung a medley of ex-Northern and ex-Nationalist troops, together with bandits, the Red Spear and Wu Chi Hui Societies, have exercised a reign of terror over the entire countryside between Lungkow and within ten to fifteen miles of Chefoo. From observations made by missionaries up-country the first reports of outrages committed on the peaceful inhabitants of these districts have been in no way exaggerated.

Destitute off to Manchuria.

Village after village has been looted and burnt, and the helpless country folk forced to flee to the coast-ports in an endeavour to reach Manchuria, forsaking their homesteads and all their possessions with the exception of the few they can carry away.

A Chinese Christian recently returned from the district just south of Chefoo city, after making a survey; he reports that 72 villages have been burnt in whole or in part, 5,500 buildings have been destroyed—depriving about 2,000 families of their homes, 318 people have been killed, and all this has taken place in an area of less than twenty miles by twenty.

Other districts are receiving the same treatment but no detailed information is obtainable at present.

News from Huanghsien and Tengchow seems to indicate that Chang Tsung Chang's forces were considerably disorganized a week ago and that he was experiencing great trouble from portions of his so-called army, particularly from the country people. This would confirm the reports that his capture of the Chefoo area was largely due to the treachery of General Liu Chen Nien's underlings, rather than to Chang's prowess in actual conflict.

[The latest rumours about Chang Tsung Chang is that he has been assassinated.]

TO-DAY'S WIRELESS PROGRAMME.

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1.45 p.m.—Weather report.
5.30 to 6.30 p.m.—Programme of Chinese music. (Beko records supplied by The Canton Trading Association, Ltd.)
7.45 p.m.—Evening weather report.
8 p.m.—Evening programme. (Victor and H.M.V. records, supplied by Messrs. S. Moutrie Co.)
9.30 p.m.—Dance music.
10.10 p.m.—News bulletin.
10.30 p.m.—Close down.

SOLDIERS CHARGED WITH ASSAULT.

STORY OF A MIDNIGHT OUTING.

LANGUAGE DIFFICULTY.

Before Mr. E. W. Hamilton at the Central Magistracy, five soldiers, Privates Hegarty, Crawford, Ormiston, Bailey and Lunn of the King's Own Scottish Borderers, were summoned for assaulting a Chinese chauffeur and with travelling on public motor-car No. 359 without paying the fare.

The defendants pleaded not guilty. Inspector Logan of the Peak Police Station, outlining the case informed his Worship that on the night of April 1, two of the defendants engaged car No. 359 near the Shanghai Bank. It was then about 10.30 p.m. and the two soldiers ordered the car to be driven to Wanchai where they picked up three more soldiers. The car was then ordered to proceed to the Peak, but on arriving there, the chauffeur was told to drive to Causeway Bay. The soldiers next ordered the car to be driven to West Point and finally to the Peak again.

The five men got off near Jardine's bridge and walked along the road to the direction of Mount Austin Barracks. The chauffeur asked for his fare, but one of the five defendants struck him on the face.

A Chinese constable on duty outside the tram station is alleged to have approached the defendants in order to get them to pay the car fare, but without success, the constable not being able to make him self understood. The defendants were checked into the Barracks at 1.30 a.m. by the Corporal on duty.

The chauffeur in question then went into the witness-box. He was a Shanghai Chinese and it was discovered that the Shanghai interpreter was on leave and that no other interpreter could speak the Shanghai dialect.

Inspector Logan stated that the interpreter at the Peak Station could speak the Shanghai dialect and could be procured if the court could wait an hour. Mr. Hamilton caused inquiries to be made at the Central Police Station as to whether a Shanghai interpreter was available, and learning that there were no Shanghai interpreters, adjourned the hearing until this morning when the man from the Peak Station will be in court.

THEOSOPHICAL SOCIETY LECTURE.

THE MEANING OF LIFE.

At this week's public meeting of the Hong Kong Lodge The Theosophical Society on Thursday, at the Theosophical Hall, Alexander Bank Buildings, Mr. John Russell, the President of the Lodge, delivered an address on "The Meaning of Life." He said in part: Theosophy proclaims that life is something altogether independent of matter, and that it can exist entirely apart from physical organisms. Life never dies, the experiences it has accumulated are not lost when the form is broken. It stores them within itself and uses them as a foundation, as a mould to build new and higher, more efficient organisms. It matters little when the form perishes, the life continues, enriched by the experiences it has received through them. Man is an immortal ego, he returns to earth again and again clad in ever higher forms, and learns, through suffering and joy to know himself as Divine.

"THE DOVER ROAD."

TO-NIGHT'S PERFORMANCE.

The first performance of "The Dover Road" will be given at the Theatre Royal to-night. The final dress rehearsal took place last evening, and was much appreciated by an audience chiefly consisting of service-men.

The curtain will rise punctually at 8.15 to-night, and those attending the performance are requested to be in their seats by that time, in order that the action of the play may not be interrupted. Further performances are being given on Tuesday, Thursday, Friday and Saturday, April 9, 11, 12, and 13. Booking is at the Anderson Music Company.

The unsolved mystery of the death of Mrs. Hodoyer, whose nude body, with a thin cord drawn tightly round the neck, was recovered from the River Rhone at St. Peray has been deepened by the finding of a second body—that of a woman and also nude—floating in the river at a spot a few miles away. M. Hodoyer has offered a reward for information which will clear the mystery of his wife's death. She disappeared from her home at Lyons last November, and is believed by the police to have been the victim of a ritual crime committed by a sect of Oriental fanatics whose tents demand a human sacrifice.

LAUNCH SINKS OFF PRAYA.

CREW OF TEN RESCUED.

CAUSED BY SHIFTING OF CARGO.

A most unusual incident occurred yesterday afternoon in the Harbour, when a crowd of several hundred Chinese witnessed the sinking of a steam launch within a few feet of the Praya while it was manoeuvring alongside one of the piers.

The launch in question is the Sai Kung, owned by the Kwong Sing Steam Launch Company of Connaught Road Central. It was almost alongside the pier at Eastern Street, when it was seen to take a decided list and sank in the sight of hundreds of spectators.

The crew of the launch shouted for assistance and several of the sampans always to be found in the vicinity went alongside the sinking launch and took off the whole crew of ten.

The launch sank slowly, after the crew were taken off and now rests on an even keel near the pier at Eastern Street, with about three feet of her mast showing. The funnel is submerged at high tide. The sinking, according to the coxswain of the Sai Kung was due to the shifting of a heavy deck cargo.

The launch, it would seem, left Sai Kung at 3.45 a.m. for Hong Kong, with a cargo of 200 baskets of salt fish on her deck.

This, we were told, is about the usual quantity which the launch carries on its regular trip from Sai Kung to Hong Kong and very often it has much more.

The launch arrived at the wharf at Eastern Street at about 6.15 p.m. As it was turning to go alongside the wharf, the deck cargo slipped to the starboard side, causing the trouble.

At that time a strong East wind was blowing and this made matters worse and the tide was running in a direction opposite to the wind. Water streamed in over the gun-whale and the launch started to settle down, fortunately on an even keel.

The sinking occupied about seven minutes, the position being about twenty feet from the wharf.

The crew of the launch included a coxswain, an engineer, two accountants, one stoker, two seamen, one cook, one boy and one steersman. There were no passenger of any kind on the launch.

THREE FEEBLE HIGHWAY-MEN.

HOUSE BOY SET UPON ON NEW ABERDEEN ROAD.

PLUCKY AND SUCCESSFUL RESISTANCE.

A Chinese house boy, aged twenty-four, employed at No. 515, The Peak, according to a report which he has made to the police, went through an alarming experience yesterday while on his way from the Peak to Aberdeen by the new Aberdeen Road.

Starting shortly after 1 p.m. yesterday with the object of visiting his father who lives at Aberdeen, he was near No. 38 Bridge when he overtook three men who were strolling slowly in front of him.

As he walked past, the three men one of them produced a revolver and ordered him to stop. The house boy did as he was told and the man with the revolver seized him by the neck and started to search him. The house boy, however, suddenly turned on his assailant and knocked him down, sending the revolver flying. The other two men then came to the assistance of their fallen comrade, but the house boy broke away and took to his heels. The would-be robbers made a feeble attempt to chase him, but the house boy easily eluded his pursuers.

He reported the matter to the Aberdeen Police Station as soon as he arrived there, stating that when last he saw the three highwaymen they were making towards Wanchai Gap. The only thing the "boy" lost was his hat.

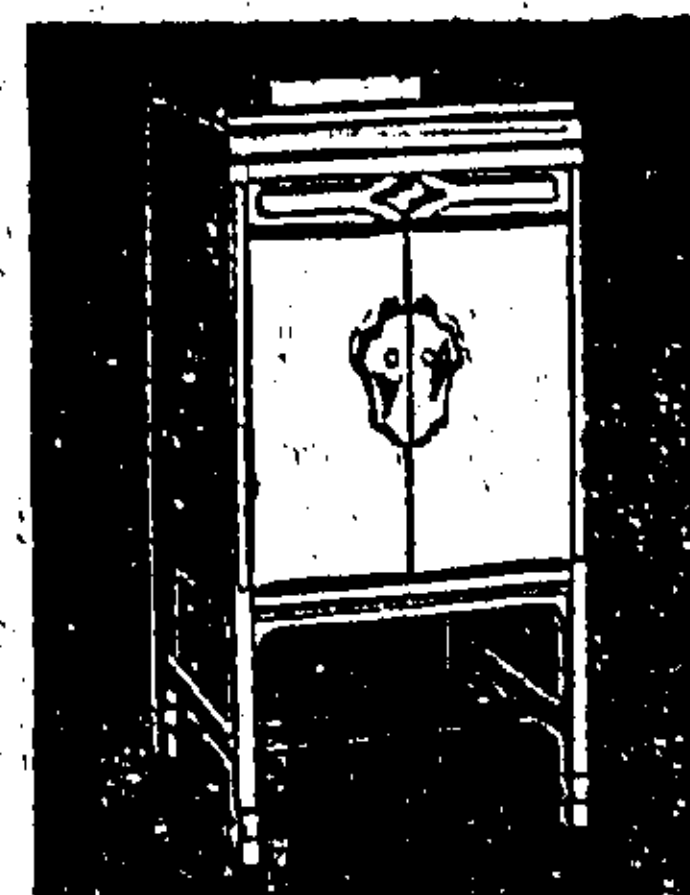
TWO HIGHWAY ACCIDENTS.

MOTORS AND RICKSHAW.

At 12.30 p.m. yesterday, two motor-cars met in a head-on collision in Bonham Strand East, as a result of which both vehicles were badly damaged.

The motors involved are public cars, Nos. 28 and 64 respectively and the accident is attributed to an error of judgment. At the point where the collision occurred, the road is narrow and usually crowded.

At noon yesterday, in Connaught Road near Wardley Street, motor-car No. 453 ran into a rickshaw, reducing the latter to splinters. There were no casualties in either mishap, the three cars engaged and the rickshaw being without passengers when they had their respective mishaps.



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CANTON TAKES
PRECAUTIONS.FEAR OF ATTACK FROM
KWANGSI.

WUCHOW IN DIFFICULTIES.

QUESTIONS OF FINANCE.

(FROM OUR CHINESE CORRESPONDENT.)

Canton, April 5.

The latest messages from the northern border of Kwangtung state that the Kwangsi troops are adhering to their plans for the support of Hankow despite Canton's declaration of neutrality. The original plan was that the Canton troops should advance into Kiangsi, attack Nanchang, and thus threaten the communications of the Nationalist army advancing from Nanking. The Kwangsi troops were, simultaneously, to invade Hunan. Canton's defection has upset this plan but General Wong Shu Hung has thrown in his lot with Hankow, despite the desperate situation of the cause. There are ten of his regiments on the Kwangsi border, numbering about 15,000 men, some of them from the East River district of Kwangtung.

The main Kwangsi force has left Shuiwaa for Pinghshek and is advancing into Southern Hunan as originally planned. They hope to hold various strategic places, and to cover the retreat of what remains of the Wuhan forces. The Kwangsi clique is facing utter defeat at Hankow and along the Yangtze, but it is hoped to save a big proportion of their armies and conduct a fighting retreat until they join the reinforcements waiting for them.

FEAR OF INVASION.

Kwangtung is decidedly uneasy at the situation and fears that the retreating troops will try and force their way into Kwangtung. They are also suspicious of the big troop concentrations at Wuchow and Shinghshek, fearing a descent on the province from those points.

Doubts are also felt about the attitude of General Hsu King Tong, C-in-C. of the 2nd Division, whose headquarters are in Swatow, because, so it transpires, he did not sign the neutrality circular to which General Chen Ming Shu, Chen Tsai Tong, and Chiang Kwong Nai and Admiral Chen Chak affixed their names. In the course of an interview with local Pressmen, General Hsu said that he did not sign because he disagreed with part of the wording of the circular. He was entirely in favour of peace. His troops are now reported to be marching in large numbers towards Hing Ning, Wu Wah, and Tse Kin, three towns in north-east Kwangtung. Another contingent is moving heavy artillery up the Han River towards Fukien and Kiangsi. It is also reported that General Wong Kok Cho, a trusted subordinate of Wong Shu Hung, who is still in the East River district, is also concentrating on the Kiangsi border.

On account of these movements General Chen Tsai Tong is not withdrawing any more troops from the northern border, where, with Shuiwaa as headquarters, they are stationed to meet any attempted invasion of the province. Most of the troops of the 1st Division (Chen Tsai Tong's immediate command) are being stationed at Samshui, nominally for bandit suppression, but actually as a precaution against attack by way of the West River.

The Canton Fleet has also been placed on a war basis and gunboats are ceaselessly patrolling the West River. The Navy Department has also asked Messrs. Bailey's Shipyard in Hong Kong to press on as fast as they possibly can with the gunboat Tsap Sun, under construction there. They want it by the middle of the month.

KWANGSI IN FINANCIAL
STRAITS.

The Kwangsi Government is said to be hard pressed for money to pay their troops to buy military stores. The province is not a wealthy one, but has a large army, part of which has been billeted in Kwangtung and supported by that province. Freed of heavy military expenses General Wong Shu Hung has been able to undertake the big reconstruction work which was to make his province a model for China, and he has also abolished such Government monopolies as opium, and gaming houses.

LI TSAI HSIN'S MEN GOING.

It appears that all the high officials in Canton of Marshal Li Tsai Hsin's choice are resigning en bloc. Mr. Wong Tsit, Commissioner of Education, Mr. Hui Chung Ching, Commissioner of Civil Affairs, Mr. Li Man Yan, head of the Salt Administration of the Two Kwangs, and other officials have sent in their resignations to the new Administration. Even Mr. Fung Cho Man is feeling very pessimistic and has warned General Cheng Ming Shu, that he will have to resign. Mr. Wong Tsit, the Commissioner of Education, has left Canton, and no one knows where he is.

AN IDENTITY
PUZZLE.A LAUNCH MORTGAGE AND
ITS SEQUEL.DEFENDANT'S STATEMENT
CONTRADICTS WITNESSES.

A remarkable defence was entered by Mr. Leo d'Almada e Castro, senior, at the Central Magistracy yesterday when he declared that a man who was charged with forging the signature of one Ng Shing, was no other than Ng Shing himself.

Mr. Leo d'Almada e Castro represented a Chinese who was named in the charge sheet as Mak Chan Leong and who stood charged with fraudulently mortgaging a launch to one Dr. R. A. Basto and obtaining \$3,000 thereby. The defendant was also charged with the forgery of the name of Ng Shing, a man who was declared to be dead.

Mr. H. G. Sheldon prosecuted and the case was heard before Mr. E. W. Hamilton.

The facts, as outlined by Mr. Sheldon at a previous hearing, were briefly as follows. Seven porcelain firms in Canton in 1927 formed themselves into an association under the name of the Po On Company and purchased an armed launch to protect their trading junks plying between Swatow and Hong Kong. A trusted employee of the firm named Mak Kut Chong was given the command of the launch but as he was not conversant with the technicalities of Hong Kong harbour, he got his nephew, the defendant in the present case, appointed as local agent.

Ng Shing, it was mentioned by Mr. Sheldon, was a man appointed by the Po On firm to administer the affairs of the steam launch. The launch carried an arms permit, a Chinese Maritime Customs permit and its own license, all of which were made out in the name of Ng Shing.

How the Mortgage was Executed.

The first witness called yesterday was Mr. J. M. d'Almada Remedios, a solicitor of the Supreme Court of Hong Kong, who stated that on February 9 this year, a mortgage was executed in his office, the original of which he produced. The mortgage was between a man named Ng Shing and Dr. R. A. Basto.

The terms of the mortgage, said Mr. Remedios, were interpreted to the defendant, who was known then as Ng Shing and who was identified by a man named Tong Yau as such. A sum of three thousand dollars was paid to the defendant as mortgage.

Mr. Remedios stated that the defendant had in his possession a Chinese deed of assignment for the launch and a Maritime Customs permit in Chinese. A launch license showing Ng Shing as the licensee was also produced at the time.

Answering Mr. d'Almada, witness said that he was acting for both parties concerned in the mortgage and in that capacity he had to satisfy himself, as far as was possible, that the title deeds were in order. For that purpose he went down to the Harbour Office and found that Ng Shing was the registered owner of the launch. "It was not until he was fully satisfied that that the title was in order that he allowed the mortgage to be put through."

Witnesses Who Knew Defendant?

The next witness was a member of the Shing Kee Company, one of the seven firms interested in the Po On Company. He declared that he had known the defendant for over two years and his name had always been Mak Chan Loong.

Witness saw the defendant in December, 1927, when he came here from Swatow in connection with the purchase of a steam launch. The defendant was introduced to him by Mak Kut Chong.

In February last year, witness said the defendant approached him in Canton and asked to be employed on the launch belonging to the Po On Company.

Asked if he knew the name Ng Shing, witness replied that Ng Shing had been the manager of the Po On firm but he died last year. This witness also stated that Ng Shing had a relative who worked in a Chinese firm in Hong Kong, but who was at present in Swatow. Asked to tell the Court exactly what he knew of Mak Kut Chong, witness said that he had known Mak Kut Chong who had first suggested that the defendant be employed to look after the launch's affairs in Hong Kong. Witness said that the defendant was present when Mak Kut Chong made the suggestion to witness.

The manager of another firm interested in the Po On Company stated that he was a native of Ching Chau Village, Chiu Chow. He had known the defendant for many years, they had been to the same school together and lived in the same village. Witness said he had known defendant at least fourteen years ago and gave the name of defendant's father, explaining that the latter was a sailor. He had always known defendant as Mak Chan Loong.

(Continued on next Column).

MACAO'S GOVERNOR
IN HONG KONG.

GOING HOME ON LEAVE.

TO-DAY'S FUNCTION AT THE
CLUB LUSITANO.

H.E. the Governor of Macao (Senhor A. Tamagnini de Barbosa), accompanied by his wife and daughter, arrived in the Colony yesterday aboard the Portuguese gunboat Macao. He was received on behalf of H.E. the Governor of Hong Kong (Sir Cecil Clementi, K.C.M.G.) by Capt. Sillitoe, A.D.C.

The distinguished party landed at Queen's Pier, where there were awaiting H.E. Senhor J. H. de Bianchi, Portuguese Minister to China, who is passing through the Colony on leave, the Portuguese Consul-General in Hong Kong, Senhor Cerveira de Albuquerque e Castro, and Madame Albuquerque e Castro, Mr. Fernandez da Costa (Consul-General for Portugal in Canton), and Madame da Costa, the Hon. Mr. J. P. Braga, Messrs. A. F. B. Silva-Netto and M. Simoes, representatives of the Club Lusitano, and Mr. and Mrs. P. M. N. da Silva.

The Governor of Macao then proceeded to Government House, where he was received by Sir Cecil Clementi.

Before leaving for Lisbon on Home leave after over 24 years' administration in Macao, Senhor and Madame Tamagnini de Barbosa will attend an entertainment and reception in their honour at the Club Lusitano at 5 p.m. to-day.

The party will leave by the President Monroe, at 8 o'clock to-morrow morning.

A PLAINTIFF PENALISED.

FAILURE TO COMPLY WITH
AN ORDER.

SUMMARY COURT DECISION.

At the Summary Court yesterday, the Puisse Judge, (Mr. Justice Wood) penalised a plaintiff for not complying with an order made before the Easter vacation to give "discovery" (show documents to the other side) within one week.

The litigants were Chinese, a merchant claiming from a shipping firm and two partners connected with it the return of \$1,000 alleged to have been deposited with the defendants under an agreement. Only one of the defendants had been served with summons.

When Mr. F. H. Loseby, for the plaintiff, asked his Lordship to fix a date for hearing, it was pointed out by Mr. D. L. Strellett, representing the third defendant, that he had not received discovery.

In explanation, Mr. Loseby said that the Court had been in vacation, but his Lordship remarked that this did not apply to Summary Jurisdiction. He adjourned the case for a week, made a further order for discovery, and ordered the plaintiff to pay the defendant's costs for the day. His Lordship referred to the Supreme Court (Vacations) Ordinance, and said that Mr. Loseby should show reasonable cause why he did not comply.

Mr. Loseby submitted that there was no order that discovery should be given within a week. The order meant an adjournment for one week and discovery afterwards. In seeking leave to argue the point, he stated that he was in difficulty as he did not know what the other side wanted.

His Lordship pointed out that the order was made so that discovery might be given in one week. If Mr. Loseby had no documents, he should inform Mr. Strellett accordingly. Had an endeavour been made to comply with the order and he had been unable to do so, Mr. Loseby's explanation would have been accepted. In this case his Lordship held that no endeavour had been made and the order to pay defendant's costs was confirmed.

This witness also declared that Ng Shing had been attached to the Po On firm, and the registered owner of the company's launch. Ng Shing, as far as witness knew, was dead.

Asked if the defendant was connected with the Po On firm, the witness replied that he was recommended by Mak Kut Chong as agent in Hong Kong for the steam launch.

In reply to Mr. d'Almada, witness said that he was certain that the Chiu Chau dialect was the defendant's mother tongue. (The evidence of this witness was given in Chiu Chau dialect and interpreted in Cantonese at defendants' request.)

Sent for Trial.

Mr. d'Almada submitted at the close of the case, that there was no case for his client to answer, but knowing that the Chief Justice would like the defence to be indicated in the lower court, he would summarise his defence and declare that the man in the dock was no other than Ng Shing himself.

After administering the usual caution, the Magistrate committed the defendant to the next Criminal Sessions.

ROUND THE POLICE
COURTS.

LEAFY LOVE.

A BOTANICAL GARDENS
GAME.

A crestfallen young Lothario appeared in the dock before Major C. Willson at the Central Magistracy yesterday for scribbling love lyrics on the broad leaves of acacia plants at the Botanical Gardens. The charge against the Chinese youth, a schoolboy, was damaging the plants.

According to the story related in Court, a gardener had caught the offender in the act, but he broke away and led Traffic Sergeant Roberts a chase on his motor-cycle until he was overtaken near the Dairy Farm offices in Lower Albert Road.

Mr. H. Green, Superintendent of the Botanical and Forestry Department, produced leaves bearing inscriptions such as "I love her very much" and "I have come to meet some girls." Another, in Chinese characters, had the name of a Chinese girls' school.

His Worship ordered the defendant to pay a fine of \$25.

ARMED ROBBERY CHARGE.

At the Central Magistracy, before Major C. Willson, further evidence was taken in the case in which five men were charged with armed robbery at No. 34, D'Aguiar Street, on the morning of March 5. An amah and other members of the household, substantiated the story related by the daughter of the house on the previous day. The hearing lasted all afternoon, at the end of which it was stated that there were still a number of other witnesses to be called for the prosecution. Another journey was necessary.

SENT FOR TRIAL.

A committal to the Criminal Sessions was made by Mr. E. W. Hamilton at the Central Magistracy yesterday of a Chinese on a charge of participating with others in a robbery, attended with fatal results, at a rice shop in West Point. The master of the shop died through suffocation from a cloth gag thrust into his mouth.

KOWLOON CASES.

A DRUNKEN LITTLE
JAPANESE.

Tajima, a little Japanese boat-maker of Kowloon, who has a sad weakness for drink, was again before Mr. T. S. Whyte-Smith at the Kowloon Magistracy for being drunk and incapable in Waterloo Road. Tajima has often been fined before, the penalty being paid on each occasion by a brother.

The Magistrate asked Tajima what he meant by being drunk again and if he had anything to say for himself. Tajima merely blinked his eyes but made no reply. Continuing, the Magistrate remarked that the defendant was before the Court only last week.

Inspector Marks told the Magistrate that the defendant's brother refused to pay any more fines. He could not say how the defendant got his liquor, but he seemed to drink anything including Chinese wines.

Tajima was fined \$10 or 14 days' hard labour.

WOMAN ROBBED WHILST
WATCHING A FUNERAL.

Hearing a funeral procession pass her door in Temple Street, a Chinese woman hastily ran out of the house and forgot to close her door. On her return she found a blanket and coat missing. She went into the street, raised an alarm, and noticing a Chinese carrying her property she followed him. He went to a pawnshop, but the woman had him arrested before he had completed negotiations.

Charged before Mr. T. S. Whyte-Smith yesterday, the man admitted the theft, and when a previous conviction for larceny had been proved against him, the Magistrate imposed a sentence of one month's hard labour.

FAILED TO CAUTION HIS
PRISONER.

A constable's omission to caution his prisoner before taking the latter's statement resulted in the case being dismissed at the Kowloon Magistracy yesterday.

The prisoner, a Chinese youth, was handed over to the constable by the complainant who alleged that the youth stole his purse from his pocket during a cinema performance.

The constable said that whilst he was taking the prisoner's finger prints at the Police Station the latter admitted the theft to him. (Continued on next Column).

MACAO PORT
WORKS.RECLAMATION WORK
GOING AHEAD.SLOW BUT STEADY
PROGRESS.

Dredging has been resumed during the past few weeks at Macao harbour. It is some years since the Macao Port Works were started, and for some time it was necessary to stop all reclamation work, to allow the first deposits in the reclaimed lands to harden. Parts of these reclamations, where the material used was dry earth are already being used, but part of these strips of land, especially those facing the outer port, were built up of mud dredged from the harbour bed and have only now sufficiently settled, for work to be recommenced on the extensive tract of land immediately facing the anchorages of the new port. This second process consists in raising the level of the previous reclamations of several feet, and work is proceeding day and night.

Mud from the old channel leading to Macao's Inner Port has been used for this work, and two dredgers are in use, one of the bucket type loading the silt into barges and another of the propulsion type pumping the mud on to the areas to be raised.

Many weeks will elapse before the present section can be completed, and work will then proceed on other sections of the reclaimed lands. Later the mud must be left to harden and settle, and eventually, when proper drainage has been put in the lands so prepared will be occupied. The Netherlands Harbour Works Co., the firm responsible for most of the work already completed, is assisting in the new work, using the equipment laid down in Macao a few years ago when the Macao Port Works were first begun.

In other parts of the reclamations the preparation of the land for occupation has been started, and in some sections the sea-walls have been trimmed and faced.

MATHEMATICAL
PHILOSOPHY.PUBLIC LECTURES AT THE
UNIVERSITY.

Under the auspices of the Hong Kong University Engineering Society and Arts Association two lectures on Curiosities of Mathematics and Mathematical Philosophy will be given by Captain J. L. P. Macnair, R.A.

These lectures will deal in a semi-popular way with: Philosophy as the parent of Science; the mysteries of zero, infinity and the fourth dimension; the problems of simultaneity, relativity, gravitation; irregularity of time and inconsistency of size; and by way of conclusion, with some applications of Mathematical Philosophy to standards and criteria of civilisation.

Capt. Macnair is already known to music-lovers in the Colony, by his contributions to concerts at the Helena May Institute, both as instrumentalist and composer. All who are interested to hear his discourse on Mathematical Philosophy are cordially welcome to attend these lectures at the University.

The first lecture will be given on Monday evening, the 8th inst., at 8.30 p.m., and the second on the evening of Friday, the 26th inst., also at 8.30 p.m. On both occasions the meeting-place will be Room "K" of the Main Building.

He neglected, however, to caution
the prisoner before accepting the
statement.

Remarking that he could not convict on uncorroborated evidence the Magistrate discharged the prisoner.

"When a person is in custody, you must caution him before you can ask him a question," said the Magistrate to the constable.

AMERICAN-CHINESE AND HIS
WIFE.

The case in which a Chinese woman living at Shumshupo is summoning her husband, a returned Chinese from America, for cruelty, desertion and neglect to provide for her, was again before Mr. T. S. Whyte-Smith at the Kowloon Magistracy yesterday afternoon.

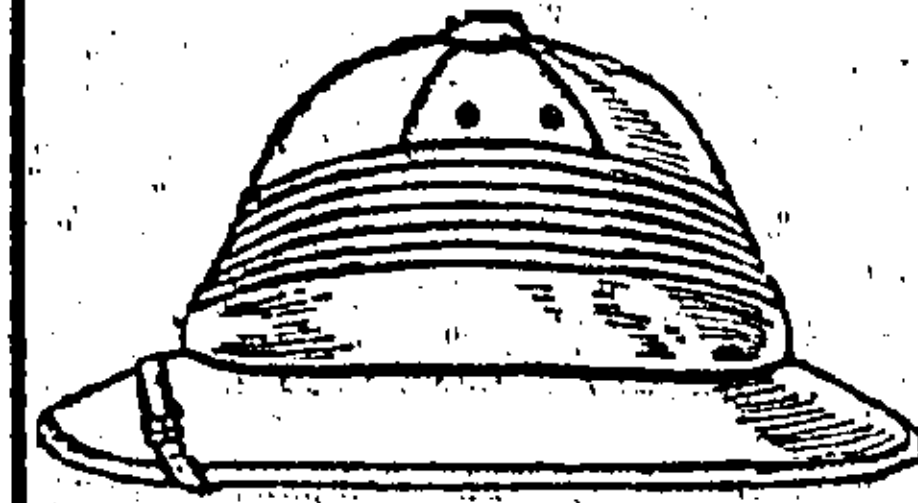
Mr. Hin Shing Lo appeared on behalf of the complainant, and Mr. F. X. Remedios was for the defence.

It was stated that an amicable settlement had been agreed upon before the Secretariat of Chinese Affairs and the husband promised to pay \$20 per month and provide his wife with a flat, or give her \$40 and no flat. The question of costs was to be decided by the Magistrate.

The latter question could not be decided, but it was agreed that the complainant should receive \$40 per month from the husband. The matter of costs was to be settled later.

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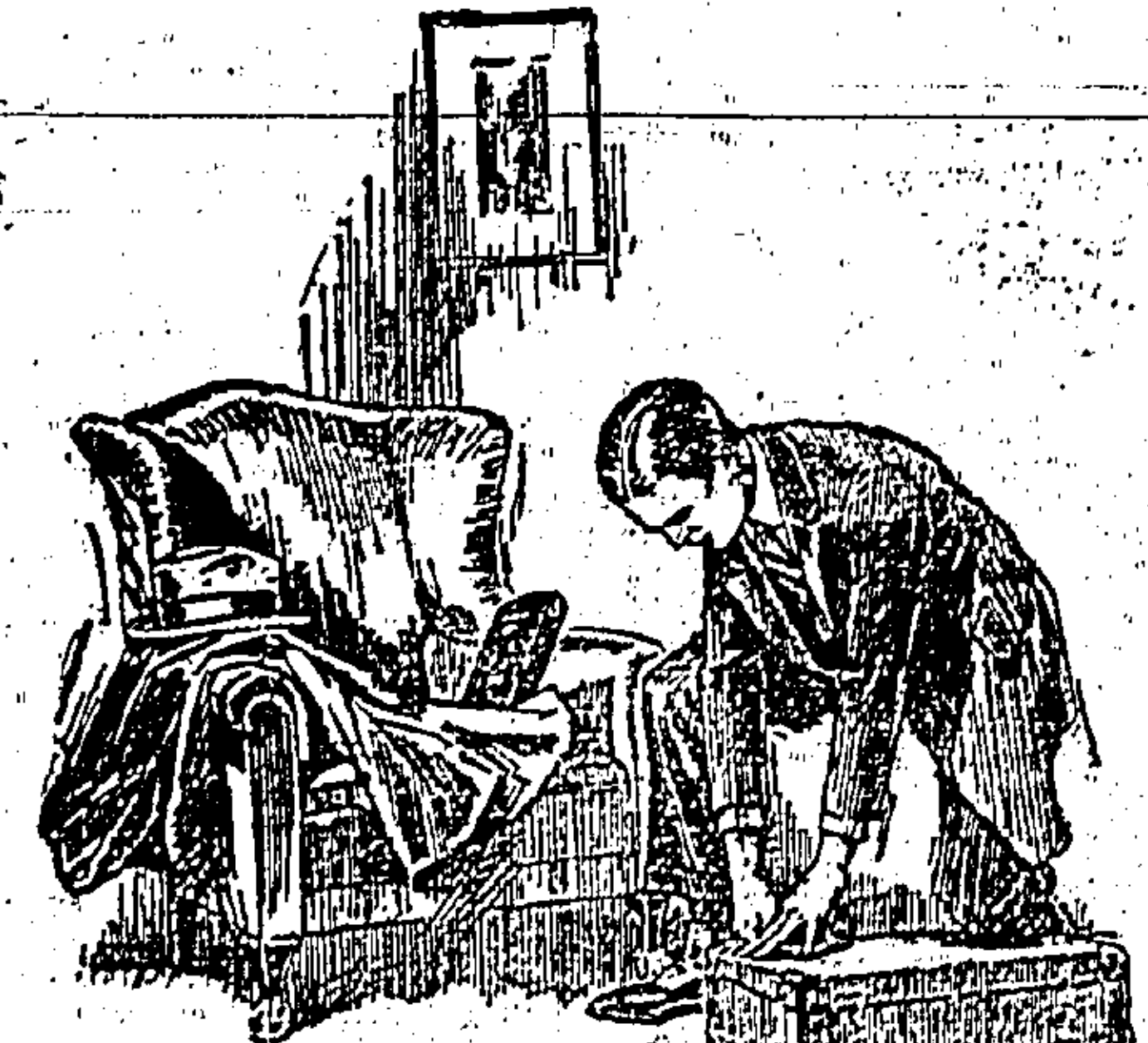
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Chinese market-gardeners use manure from human sources and their custom is to pour the manure or spray it from watering-pots in liquid form over the growing plants.

Disease-producing Parasites are, therefore, possibly present on the surface of Plants, e.g., Lettuce, over which the gardeners spray falls.

J. WATSON,
Secretary, SANITARY BOARD.
April, 1929. [7613]

NOTICE.

QUEEN'S COLLEGE OLD BOYS' ASSOCIATION.

THE NINTH ANNUAL DINNER of the ASSOCIATION will take place on SATURDAY, the 20th APRIL, 1929, at 8.00 P.M., in the HALL of QUEEN'S COLLEGE.

Members desiring to attend and to invite guests are requested to communicate with the Hon. TREASURER, (HOW PING UN, Esq., c/o ASSURANCE FRANCO-ASIATIQUE.

By Order of General Committee,
C. G. ANDERSON,
Hon. Secretary. [7617]

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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that an EXTRAORDINARY GENERAL MEETING of the above Company will be held at the Office of Messrs. SHEWAN, TOMES & CO., the General Managers of the said Company, "ST. GEORGE'S" BUILDING, HONG KONG, on MONDAY, the 8th DAY of MAY, 1929, at 12 O'CLOCK NOON, when the subjoined Resolutions will be proposed as Ordinary Resolutions.

1.—That the authorized Capital of the Company (which is now \$3,000,000 divided into 750,000 Shares of the Nominal value of \$5 Each, the whole of which have been issued) be increased to \$5,000,000 by the creation of 250,000 Additional Shares of the Nominal value of \$5 Each ranking as from Date of allotment for dividend and all other respects par with the Shares constituting the Company's present issued Capital.

2.—That 50,000 of the said 250,000 Additional Shares be offered forthwith in the first instance (in the proportion of one New Share for every complete Number of Nine existing Shares held by them respectively) to the Members of the Company who on the 6th DAY of MAY, 1929, are Registered in the Company's Share Register, as the holders of the said 750,000 Shares at noon, so that on acceptance of the offer the full Nominal amount of \$5 due in respect of Each such Share taken up shall be paid Not Later than the 4th DAY of JULY, 1929.

And that such offer be made by Notice specifying the Number of Shares to which the Member is entitled and Limiting the Time within which the offer if not accepted by the Member on behalf of himself or his nominees will be deemed to be declined, and that the Directors of the Company be at liberty to fix such time and to extend it to such Date or Dates and upon such Terms as they may think fit. And further that any of the said 50,000 Shares which shall not be taken up by the Company's Shareholders in manner aforesaid be disposed of in such manner as the Company's Directors shall think fit.

3.—That no Shareholder shall be entitled to any offer of a fraction of an Additional Share in respect of any odd Share or Shares held by such Shareholder.

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Dated the Twenty-eighth day of March, 1929.

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WEATHER REPORT.

Yesterday's weather report, forecast and remarks, issued by the Royal Observatory at 5.30 p.m., stated—

The anticyclone is moving eastward and is now central over Japan. Moderate monsoon will continue along the S.E. coast of China and over the N. China Sea.

Local Forecast:—East winds, moderate, fine to cloudy.

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The Daily Press.

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GERMANY'S INTEREST IN CHINA.

This news that the Chinese Minister at Berlin has been visiting various

factories in Dresden, and has expressed his great admiration of German industrial development is a reminder of that country's great

interest in Chinese affairs. Apart from Japan, there is no country

where the march of events in China is being so closely watched as it is in Germany. Not much is heard

of Germany's concern in Far Eastern conditions, but the fact that Kiaochow is no longer under

the German flag does not mean that German business-men have lost all

interest in happenings in this part of the world. In China lies Ger-

many's hope of financial salvation; in China may be found that trade

surplus which Germany must have to place its reparations payments on a sound economic basis. At

least, this is the opinion of many observers in Berlin, who believe that further stabilization of China will

redound as much, if not more, to the benefit of German trade as it

will to the commerce of any other country. How necessary the develop-

ment of the Chinese or some similar market is for Germany may be readily inferred from the years

of fruitless struggle which that country has gone through in trying

to build up its foreign trade surplus in other world markets. Despite

these strenuous efforts, Germany continues to buy more abroad than it sells.

In Europe high tariff walls and certain political factors have

seriously impeded German trade; the United States market is similarly

protected by even higher tariff barriers against an invasion of

German goods. Although some progress has been made in Central

and South America, German business-men find it difficult to overcome

the financial and political advantages held by United States firms in the Latin American countries.

The system of Imperial preference tends to keep "made-in-Germany" articles out of the British Empire,

while similar relations between European countries and their

African colonies and possessions make Africa almost equally impenetrable. There remain but Russia

and China as affording outlets for German goods. Trade with

Russia is as much a political problem as it is a matter

of business enterprise. Although Germany pins high hopes on its

Russian prospects, there are more obstructions apparent to the develop-

ment of trade with the Soviet Union than there is to the building-

up of a China trade, the latter offering a problem which is almost

purely commercial in character and which can be dealt with in accord-

ance with strictly business principles. It is with this in mind that the

German Government has been shaping its Chinese policy, sometimes

by force of circumstances and sometimes by deliberate intent, for

the last decade and more. Germany long ago renounced its extra-

territorial rights in China, and is no longer a party to any of the so-called "unequal" treaties. These

treaties having been made the object of vigorous attack by the

Nationalists, the feeling naturally has grown up in China that alien

Powers which continue to stand by them are unfriendly to China,

while those who have dropped their extraterritorial and other special

privileges are friendly countries. As a result, German traders have

gained a psychological advantage in China which is enjoyed by mer-

chants of few other countries.

Lately the Berlin Government has taken other measures to strengthen its relations with the Nanking régime. It was quick to follow the lead of Washington in concluding a new tariff treaty with China, and in recognizing the Nationalist régime as the *de jure* Government.

Thus, having done nothing to offend or irritate the Chinese during the last decade, but having rather gone out of its way to demonstrate its good will, Germany may be expected to reap substantial benefits in the way of increasingly valuable commerce as internal conditions in China become more settled. Such is the stake for which Germany is playing. In this also may be found a partial explanation of the unusual interest recently shown in Germany in Chinese affairs.

Shortly after his arrival in Berlin, however, the new Chinese Minister, CHIANG TSO PING, pointed out that China needs considerable help, mostly of a financial nature, before any foreign nation can hope to profit by the restoration of internal peace and order. He asserted that the financial question is at this time the Chinese Government's greatest worry, and that until this is solved it would be useless to look for the improvement in economic conditions which would be necessary to make of China that almost limitless market for foreign goods which America and Europe believe it possible to become. Despite its aggressive efforts at trade promotion, Germany continues to rank fifth among the countries participating in the China trade, being out-ranked by Japan, Great Britain, the United States, and France. Nevertheless, the value of its Chinese trade has increased since the war. From the end of the war until 1925 the increase was almost 300 per cent, as compared with increases averaging less than 100 per cent, recorded by the leading Powers. In the years following 1925 internal conditions retarded the development not only of German trade but of all trade in China, and unfortunately there is no immediate prospect of any permanent improvement.

News and Views.

Three cases of small-pox (Chinese) were reported on Thursday from the Victoria district. There was also one case of cerebro-spinal fever.

The concert which was arranged by the Hong Kong Benevolent Society to take place at the Helena May Institute on April 13 has been postponed.

Under the auspices of the University Arts Association Father D. J. Finn, S.J., gave last night a very interesting lecture, illustrated by lantern slides, on Raphael, special attention being paid to the Vatican collection of that master's work.

Mr. Hallett Abend, Peking correspondent for the *New York Times*, is touring the Yangtze Valley in the interest of his paper. He plans to confer with officials of the National Government in Nanking and proceed up the Yangtze as far as Hankow, later returning to Peking.

A police report issued yesterday stated that a Chinese was admitted to Kowloon Hospital at 8 a.m. yesterday morning, suffering from cuts alleged to have been caused by two men who attacked him in the doorway of No. 22 Reclamation Street. The police have been provided with a description of the assailants. Robbery is believed to have been the motive.

An insane man, who was gesticulating wildly in Queen's Road Central near Garden Road, at noon yesterday, attracted a large crowd of Chinese. The lunatic, who appeared to be a Northern Chinese, was stopped by an Indian policeman at the foot of Garden Road, and removed to the Government Civil Hospital. The crowd seemed very disappointed on seeing the last of the unfortunate person's antics.

Admiral Mark L. Bristol, retiring Commander-in-Chief of the United States Asiatic Squadron, will leave Shanghai this summer to assume his new command, the Twelfth Naval District, of the United States, with headquarters in San Francisco. Admiral Bristol has been in command of the Asiatic Squadron since 1927, and has spent a great deal of time in Shanghai and on the Yangtze River. He has been immensely popular with the Chinese.

Probate of the will of Poon Nam Sang, who died at 10, Fung Loi New Street, Canton, in May, 1928, has been granted to his widow (Poon Leung Shi) and a nephew who was adopted as son (Poon Kim Wai, a merchant), both of 60, High Street, Hong Kong. Deceased's local estate amounts to about \$40,000. A daughter living in Kwangsi province is provided with \$13,000 for educational expenses. A clause in the will states that if deceased's only concubine marries again, certain monthly payments arranged to be paid by the executors are to cease.

Commander H. S. Bowlby, late executive officer of the cruiser *Delhi* in China and the Mediterranean, on March 13 joined the Submarine Depot at Gosport, H.M.S. *Dolphin*.

Regarding the visit to London of Commander W. T. Barr, an officer of the Chinese Navy, the *Daily Express* understands that its object was to request the British Government to lend China the services of carefully-selected British naval officers to reconstitute the Chinese fleet, and that the British Government were compelled to refuse under the terms of an agreement with France, Italy, Japan, and the United States, which places an embargo on the supply of arms to China. The existence of this agreement, says the *Daily Express*, means that the Chinese Government will be forced to seek the aid of Germany unless the embargo is speedily lifted.

The complaint that pirates are still active along the China coast is made in the annual report of the Imperial Merchant Service Guild, which has just been issued. "On the whole, things have quietened down," states the report, "and the shipping trade on the China coast has been nearer normal than it has been for some time past. But there have been several cases of piracy in British ships and valuable lives have been lost. The precautionary methods adopted by the authorities have been proved to be inadequate, and the Guild has again made strong representations to the Foreign Office backed up by practical suggestions made by those who have had long experience on the coast."

At the works of Messrs. Hawthorn Leslie & Co., Hebburn-on-Tyne, on March 13, the sloop *Bridgewater* was commissioned by Commander C. D. Moore, with a full crew from Devonport, as an independent command for service on the China Station, in place of the *Bluebell*. The *Sandwich*, a second ship of the same type, was commissioned on March 20 by Commander Francis Howard, D.S.C., and a Portsmouth crew, for service on the China Station, in place of the *Foxglove*. The *Bridgewater* and *Sandwich* are the first sloops to be built for the Royal Navy since the war, and in their design are combined the best features of the older sloops and mine-sweepers. Although smaller than the vessels they replace (945 tons instead of 1,000), they geared turbines using oil only, instead of reciprocating engines burning coal, give them a higher speed, and the main armament is the same in both classes—namely, two 4-in. guns.

Mr. Maurice Ingram, chief clerk of the News Department of the Foreign Office, has been appointed Counsellor of the British Legation at Peking and, has left England to take up his duties. Mr. Ingram will reside at Shanghai and Nanking, where he will be the British Representative in direct touch with the Nanking Government. The British Minister still residing at Peking. The appointment is of considerable interest, as Mr. Ingram's rise to the rank of Counsellor is almost meteoric. He was born in 1890, and from 1914 to 1918 served on the General Staff at the War Office, after which he became private secretary to Sir Arthur Steel-Maitland. Mr. Ingram was then appointed as temporary clerk to the Foreign Office in 1919. He rose in the service until he acted as Chargé d'Affaires in Christiania from 1924 to 1925. He was promoted to the rank of Counsellor in Berlin in 1928 and in 1927 he was transferred to the Foreign Office in London.

Extracts published in Fleet Orders from the quarterly returns of signalling practice between H.M. ships and British merchant vessels show that, in the period ended September 30, 1928, there were 1,501 successful exercises, as compared with 1,468 for the previous quarter. There were 22 failures to establish communication. A table of individual ships and units in order of merit shows that H.M.S. *Castor*, on the Mediterranean and China Stations, came first with 121 successful exercises; the *Carlisle*, in China, second with 114, and the *Eighth Destroyer Flotilla*, China, third with 108. A similar table on the mercantile side is prefaced by the note that it cannot be taken as a statement of comparative signal efficiency, as opportunities for signalling with H.M. ships are so varied. The China Navigation Company was first with 139, the British India Company second with 99, the *Ellerman Lines* third, with 84 and two failures, British Tankers fourth with 88, and the P. and O. Company fifth with 85.

Death Scratch from a Cat.

Mr. Charles Donne, aged eighty-two, a retired house decorator, of Silver-street, Edmonton, London, died from blood poisoning, caused by a scratch from a cat. It was stated at the inquest that he had a cat which was in the habit of sitting on his knee. Mr. Donne was sitting by the fireside when the cat tried to jump up on his knee. The cat missed and in trying to save itself from falling accidentally scratched Mr. Donne on the hand. A verdict of "Accidental death" was recorded.

Thomas Croxton, a youth who risked his life at Ashby, Lincolnshire, in securing an escaped parrot at the top of a three-story building, was rewarded with 1s. and was bitten by the parrot.

A motor-car used by the Prince of Wales on his last visit to Canada was stolen from a garage in Toronto and used by armed bandits in a mail robbery yesterday. They held up a mail-van, and escaped with the bags in the Prince's car, which they finally abandoned.

Mr. J. B. Sandbach, K.C., the Lambeth magistrate, granted a married woman a maintenance order against her husband, and fixed the alimony payable by him to her at one halfpenny per week. There were exceptional circumstances in the case.

Ching Ming.

Yesterday was the principal day of Ching Ming, one of the oldest festivals in the Chinese calendar. It is the great festival of ancestor worship and the season every year sees a big exodus of people who return to their native districts to visit the tombs of their forebears. Yesterday the local Chinese came in large numbers to "jossing" on behalf of the dead. After New Year, Ching Ming is regarded as the biggest event of the year. It is one of the four settlement days, the others being Dragon Boat Festival, Mid Autumn Festival and New Year

HANKOW BACK TO NORMAL.

GENERAL PANIC CHECKED.

NANKING'S PEACEFUL OCCUPATION.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

HANKOW, April 5.
It appears that the Wuhan troops refused to fight yesterday, and fraternized with the enemy.
The Garrison Commander at Hankow hastily evacuated his headquarters, in the late Russian Consulate, and fled.

Chinese officials in the ex-British Concession, asked Admiral Tweedie for assistance in maintaining order, as they feared looting by the Hunanese troops. The Admiral undertook to give assistance where British lives and property were endangered.

British women and children living on the outskirts of Hankow were brought in without incident. The waterfront was crowded with Chinese refugees endeavouring to enter the French Concession, but Admiral Tweedie was not called on, and the panic subsided.

Normal Conditions Restored.

HANKOW, April 5, 2.40 p.m.
The situation has now completely returned to normal, and confidence has been restored.

Chiang Kai Shek's representative has arrived and is holding conference with the civil authorities.

Wuhan Leaders Disappear.

HANKOW, April 5.
The whereabouts of the Wuhan leaders are the subject of considerable surmise. It is stated that Hu Tsung Tu and Tao Chan have gone up the Han River after issuing a circular telegram announcing their retirement, and Hsia Wei has proceeded to South Hupien.

Feng's Troops at Hankow?

(Wah Ts. Fat Pao).

SHANGHAI, April 5.
The vanguards of Feng Yu Hsiang's troops arrived at Hsiaokan in Northern Hupien on Thursday and will enter Hankow on Friday. It is reported that Feng will unite with the 4th Group Army to oppose Chiang Kai Shek.
Up to the present, no reports have been received at Shanghai as to the entry into Wuhan of Nanking troops.

Earlier News.

HANKOW, April 4.
Everything is in confusion here but it is stated that the retreating Kwangsi troops are still under control.

The Kwangsi military officials have practically all disappeared; but the Nanking forces are on the heels of the retreating Kwangsi units and it is therefore hoped that the Kwangsi men will avoid Hankow to night and proceed direct southward to Hunan Province.

Marshal Chiang Kai Shek, head of the Nanking Government, is expected to arrive in person on April 5.

Adequate precautions are being taken for the protection of foreigners in the three special administrative districts (i.e., formerly the British, Russian and German Concessions).

Troops in Panic.

General Li Ming Shui, commander of the 7th Division of the Kwangsi troops from Hankow, who was at the Hwangpi sector (30 miles due north of Hankow) has turned over to the Nanking side, allowing the Nanking troops to penetrate the Kwangsi defence system.

This tendency practically threw the Kwangsi line into confusion and resistance collapsed forthwith on all sectors of the 50 miles' front.

Hearing the news, General Yeh Chi (so it is reported) "declared neutrality" and his men ceased to attempt to stem the tide of invasion any longer.

General Hu Tsung Tu (who is "No. 1" in Hankow in the absence of two of the Kwangsi big four) then resigned.

The Kwangsi troops began to fall back from the front on Hankow in disorganised fashion. Panic prevails in the three cities of Wuhan (Hankow, Wuchang and Hanyang). Thousands of Chinese civilians, with baggage, began to pour into the Concessions and ex-Concessions, which have been barricaded to prevent an influx of defeated soldiery.

A Peace Preservation Committee (composed of civilians) has been formed. Martial law has been declared. At present there is no looting.

Hopeful Situation.

LATER.
The situation is decidedly more hopeful. It is now learned that the retreating Kwangsi army is making a circuit outside Hankow so as to wheel southward into Hunan.

The vanguard of the Nanking Expeditionary Forces is to take over control peacefully to-morrow (April 5).
Excitement has subsided greatly and quiet prevails.

OUTBURST AGAINST LI TSAI HSIN.

"INSIGNIFICANT MERITS."

NANKING POLITICIANS' CIRCULAR.

(Nam Chung Po.)

The military leaders in Kwangtung have lately received a telegram from Hu Han Min, Wang Chung Hui, Sun Fo, Koo Ying Fan, Wu Te Chen, Liu Chi Wan and Cheng Hung Nien denouncing the Kwangsi Clique in general and particularly Marshal Li Tsai Hsin. The gist of the telegram is as follows:—

Since the beginning of the "Hunan Affair," the leaders of the Kwangsi Clique have revealed their "Militarist" nature. Government, being exceedingly reluctant to resort to force did not punish them at the outset and showed great clemency in the hope that they would be turned from their purpose.

But in spite of this, their ambition remained undiminished. At that time, Li Chung Jen was in Shanghai and Pei Chung Hsi in Peking, the latter under the pretext of sickness, plotting together. They troops under Hu Chung Tu, Hsia Wei and Yeh Chi attacked Anhui and Kiangsi.

It is self-evident that the Kwangsi Clique pays practically no heed to the Central Government.

Reclamations Against Marshal Li.
Marshal Li Tsai Hsin, then attending the Kuomintang Congress, purposely kept silent and tried to win the support of the military leaders of Kwangtung. Li Tsai Hsin's merits are insignificant and he only won popularity by his efforts for the "Purge of the Kuomintang."

The monthly revenue of Kwangtung is over six million dollars, and only three armies are kept. How the rest of the money is spent no one knows. Funds appropriated for educational and reconstruction purposes are by far less than in Kwangsi. Thus the Kwangsi Clique is exploiting Kwangtung. In fact, Li Tsai Hsin is behaving worse than Lu Yung Ting (a former Kwangsi military leader in Canton) and Chen Chiung Ming and has less ability.

Should Kwangtung, which has suffered considerably from the civil wars, be further squeezed? Should we support any more militarists now that civil warfare is at an end?

The telegram adds in conclusion that the Central Government had no option but to resort to military force and it hopes that the Kwangtung military leaders will take note of what has happened.

CHANG TSUNG CHANG'S VICTORY.

ADVANCING ON MUPING.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

CHEFOO, April 5.
The clash between Chang Tsung Chang and Liu Chen Nien's troops outside Muping city yesterday resulted in the former's victory.

Liu Chen Nien lost 100 killed, and 500 prisoners, and the remainder of the army are being driven towards the city.

Muping, however, has not yet surrendered.

JAPANESE TROOPS TO WITHDRAW.

EVACUATION OF TSINANFU.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

TOKYO, April 5.
It is learned reliably that Japanese troops now stationed at Tsinanfu will commence concentrating at Tsingtao on the 18th of the present month.

The first detachment will leave for Japan round about April 24, and the remainder will be evacuated by the middle of May.

THE I'M ALONE AFFAIR.

CANADIAN GOVERNMENT ACTIVE.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

OTTAWA, April 5.
At the opening of the session of House of Commons after Easter, replying to the Conservative leader, Mr. Bennett, the Premier, Mr. Mackenzie King, stated that there had been extensive correspondence between Washington and Ottawa in the past week in regard to the I'm Alone affair, about which the Canadian Government are making formal representations.

COLONEL HOUSE.

[REUTER'S AMERICAN SERVICE.]

NEW YORK, April 4.
Colonel House is progressing satisfactorily.

THE SOUTH POLAR REGION.

AN ANGLO-AMERICAN CONTROVERSY.

STRATEGIC VALUE.

[REUTER'S AMERICAN SERVICE.]

WASHINGTON, April 5.

The potentialities of the antarctic continent for aviation bases and the existence of coal, mica, and other mineral resources, also the fact that the surrounding waters contain practically all the world's supply of whales, are stated to be the principal factors in a new Anglo-American diplomatic controversy.

The New York Herald-Tribune states that Britain has diplomatically brought attention to the fact that Commander Byrd's recent explorations were made over British territory. It adds that the British Note virtually claimed sovereignty of the entire South Polar region, a part of which is already being administered by the Governor-General of Australia.

The newspaper asserts that the State Department has prepared a note disputing the British claims. It is pointed out that Mr. Hughes, Secretary of State in 1924, expressed his reluctance to assert the United States right to sovereignty over Wilkes Land.

The State Department's recent reversal of this attitude is ascribed to the realization of the aerial importance of the Polar mountain caps, which offer the shortest routes between land masses on either side.

MEXICAN REVOLT.

A DESPERATE BATTLE.

[REUTER'S AMERICAN SERVICE.]

MEXICO CITY, April 5.
The most desperate and bloody battle in Mexican revolutionary annals marked the end of the revolution, which left the Federals in possession of La Reforma and Jimenez.

The Federals found 800 dead piled in three heaps beside the railway line, and 1,000 lying wounded.

SIMON COMMISSION TO RETURN.

SIR JOHN'S GUARDED VIEWS.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

NEW DELHI, April 4.
After a tour lasting for more than six months, taking them all over India, the Simon Commission have concluded their work in India, and will be returning to England shortly. It is not anticipated that their report will be submitted for several months.

Sir John Simon, however, addressing the Provincial Committees to-day, gave a guarded view of his impressions, in the course of which he hinted that the Canadian Constitution might serve as a model for India in certain respects.

At the same time, Sir John Simon warned his hearers that the conditions prevailing in the various provinces of India were by no means on such a footing as to ensure a Federal basis.

He intimated, however, that the Constitution of the Provinces might be made elastic, with automatic provision for growth to full autonomy within a reasonable period.

The Public Safety Bill.

The Hon. Mr. James Crear, who is officiating as Home Member of the Viceroy's Executive Council, announced in the Assembly to-day that the Government view of the rule was that the President of the Assembly, Mr. Patel, was not empowered to disallow discussion of the Public Safety Bill while the Meerut trials were in progress.

Mr. Patel ruled accordingly when the Bill was re-introduced on April 2.

Uproar in the Assembly.

NEW DELHI, April 5.

There were crowded galleries and considerable liveliness in the Assembly upon the resumption of the debate as to whether the Public Safety Bill was discussable.

Sir John Simon and the commissioners were present. The proceedings terminated in uproar when Mr. Patel reserved his ruling.

CONTINENTAL TRAIN SMASH.

20 KILLED; 60 INJURED.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

BUCHAREST, April 5.
The Kissinev to Bucharest express was derailed near Buzau to-day, three full carriages being overturned.

Twenty people are believed to be killed and 60 injured. Rescue work is most difficult owing to tempestuous weather and snowstorms.

THE POWER OF THE CINEMA.

EXHIBITIONS IN THE COLONIES.

BRITISH FILMS TO BE ENCOURAGED.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

LONDON, April 4.

The Colonial Secretary has set up a Committee with the following terms of reference:—

"To examine the arrangements existing for the supply and censorship of cinematograph films for public exhibition in the Colonies, Protectorates and Mandated Territories, and to consider in what way these arrangements could be improved, with special reference to the following points:—Firstly, the desirability of developing the use of the cinematograph as an instrument of education in the widest sense; and, secondly, the desirability, on political as well as economic grounds of encouraging the exhibition of British films."

Captain Brass, M.P., will be chairman of the committee and other members will include Sir Hesketh Bell, late Governor of Mauritius, Sir Charles O'Brien, late Governor of Barbados, Major Ruxton, late Lieut-Governor of the Southern Provinces of Nigeria, Mr. Creighton of the Empire Marketing Board, and Mr. Beatty, late of the Malayan Civil Service.

THE KING.

IMPROVEMENT STILL MAINTAINED.

[BRITISH WIRELESS SERVICE.]

RUSSIA, April 5.
The King again passed a good day.

Although the weather remained dull His Majesty spent two hours in the gardens this morning. He sat on the lawn protected by screens, and also walked for about twenty minutes.

THE PRINCE'S LITERARY EFFORTS.

GREAT PRAISE FOR THE MERCHANT MARINE.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

LONDON, April 4.
The Prince of Wales in his capacity as Master of the Merchant Navy and Fishing Fleets, has written a foreword to the final volume of Sir Archibald Hurd's "The Merchant Navy."

The Prince pays a magnificent tribute to the part played by the merchant marine during the war, in facing the frequent hazard of death undaunted in spirit to the bitter end.

He concludes: "Had it been otherwise, this country of ours must have perished."

BRITAIN OUT FOR AIR RECORDS.

SPECIAL PILOT TO BE TRAINED.

[BRITISH WIRELESS SERVICE.]

RUSSIA, April 4.
In aviation circles it is stated that it is hoped to secure for Great Britain four world records during the present year.

They are the duration and non-stop records which the Fairey Napier monoplane is expected to make by flying from Cranwell aerodrome Lincolnshire to Durban in South Africa a distance of 6,000 miles; the speed record, which will be attacked immediately after the race for the Schneider trophy, and the altitude record.

The last-named is regarded as the most fascinating of the four records.

Plans are now being made to beat the present figure of 39,600 feet. It is hoped to evolve an all-metal aeroplane capable of climbing at least eight miles or forty-two thousand feet.

The selected pilot will undergo special training. He will wear electrically warmed clothing and will be provided with oxygen apparatus which he will himself be able to control.

MR. KELLOGG ILL.

GOES TO BED WITH A SEVERE COLD.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

LONDON, April 4.
Mr. F. B. Kellogg (until recently U.S. State Secretary), and Mrs. Kellogg have arrived at Plymouth aboard the Ile de France.

Mr. Kellogg is abed with a cold.

STOCK EXCHANGE SWEEP.

RECORD RUSH FOR TICKETS.

ORIGINAL ISSUE SOLD OUT.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

LONDON, April 4.
There is a record-breaking rush for tickets of the Stock Exchange Derby sweep, officially known as the "Stock Exchange Mutual Subscription Fund."

The original issue of half a million £1 tickets was rapidly disposed of and a second batch of half a million was issued to-day.

A long queue of applicants, consisting of Stock Exchange members and their clerks assembled at the office of the Fund in the city when it opened at 9 in the morning and during the course of the day £150,000 worth of tickets was sold.

It is anticipated that £1,000,000 worth will have been sold when the Fund closes.

Applications have come from all over the world, and it is probable that instead of one huge first prize there will be a larger number of substantial prizes than hitherto.

PORTUGUESE EX-PREMIER DEAD.

SENHOR JOAO FRANCO.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

LISBON, April 5.
The death is announced of Senhor Joao Franco, who was Prime Minister of Portugal when King Carlos and Crown Prince Luis Philippe were assassinated in 1908.

REPARATIONS PROBLEM.

QUANDARY STILL UNSOLVED.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

PARIS, April 4.
No definite indication of an end to the deadlock was revealed when the Committee of Experts on Reparations re-meet to-day after the Easter holiday, though two memoranda which have been submitted to the Conference, were discussed at considerable length.

The first Memorandum represents a composite Allied suggestion, enumerating the minimum demands of the different creditor countries.

The second is a personal suggestion by the American Chairman of the Committee, Mr. Owen Young, covering the same ground but from an impartial and presidential angle.

The two suggestions are described as the "ceiling" and the "floor" and it is apparently hoped that the Germans will build a platform between the two, though up to the present they are taking no step in this direction.

MEXICAN PRISONERS RELEASED.

BIG RANSOM REPORTED PAID.

[REUTER'S AMERICAN SERVICE.]

MEXICO CITY, April 4.
The two mining engineers, the Briton, Reid, and the American, Hanson, who were kidnapped by bandits on March 2 from the offices of the San Nichols Mining Company, at Vocas, in the State of Durango, where Hanson was resident manager, have been released.

A ransom of 24,000 pesos was demanded but it is unknown what was paid.

THE AFGHAN TROUBLE.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

NEW DELHI, April 4.
It is learned that Ali Ahmed Khan, the ex-Governor of Jallalabad, has crossed the frontier at Chaman, and is on his way to join Amanullah.

Ali Ahmed, it will be recalled, was himself a contender for the Afghan throne, but his forces were defeated by Habibullah.

NEW U.S. MARINE APPOINTMENT.

[REUTER'S AMERICAN SERVICE.]

WASHINGTON, April 4.
Major-General S. D. Butler, who commands the United States Marines in China, has been appointed to command the Marine Corps Base at Quantico.

Mr. Van Lear Black, the American millionaire flying man, has made a forced landing, due to engine trouble at Ventimiglia, and will be delayed pending the arrival of spare parts.

WASHINGTON IN AN UPROAR.

A QUESTION OF SOCIAL PRECEDENCE.

LADIES QUARREL.

[REUTER'S AMERICAN SERVICE.]

WASHINGTON, April 4.

A question of social precedence is agitating official Washington.

Vice-President Curtis, who was a bachelor when he assumed office, gave the name of his sister, Mrs. Dolly Gann as his hostess and she and her husband, Mr. Edward Everett Gann, were authorised to receive invitations to social affairs along with Mr. Curtis.

However, at the homes of the socially elect the Ganns found themselves separated from Mr. Curtis and seated at a table below the foreign diplomats and their wives.

It appears that this accords with the ruling of Mr. F. R. Kellogg when he was Secretary of State but Mr. Curtis has appealed to the new Secretary of State, Mr. Henry Stimson, to reverse Mr. Kellogg's ruling.

It is learned from a source in close touch with Mr. Kellogg that it was not so much a question of American as of international custom, and it is pointed out that the Prince of Wales, when in Washington, was placed at a table below the British Ambassador, because the latter officially represented King George.

According to the New York World a small but powerful feminine clique is responsible for the attempted proscription of Mrs. Gann.

NO SPECULATION!

U.S. FEDERAL BOARD ANNOUNCEMENT.

[REUTER'S AMERICAN SERVICE.]

WASHINGTON, April 4.
The eagerly-awaited statement on the credit situation was to-day issued by the Federal Reserve Board at the conclusion of a joint conference with the Governors of twelve Federal Reserve Banks.

The statement warns member Banks that unless they voluntarily comply with the previous request for co-operation in restraining the use of Federal Reserve credit, in speculation, the Board may "adopt other methods to force compliance within order to release credit for the use of trade."

EARL OF BALFOUR TO RETIRE.

TO SAFEGUARD HIS HEALTH.

[BRITISH WIRELESS SERVICE.]

RUSSIA, April 4.
The Earl of Balfour, it is understood, will retire from public life when Parliament is dissolved next month.

During the present Parliament, he has held the office of Lord President of the Council and has, therefore, been a member of the Cabinet. His decision to retire is dictated by his age, he being in his 81st year, and the need for safeguarding his health.

Lord Balfour was Premier from 1902 to 1905. He was Foreign Secretary in Mr. Lloyd George's Coalition Government, from 1917 to 1919.

The outstanding political services of his later years have been his work at the Washington Naval Conference and what is known as the "Balfour Note" on Allied War Debts.

A LONDON OFFICIAL'S BIRTHDAY.

THE "REAL" LORD MAYOR.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

LONDON, April 4 (U.P.).
The man who knows more about the job of being Lord Mayor than anybody else celebrated his 78th birthday here to-day.

He is Sir William Soulsby, and he has been private secretary to 53 Lord Mayors of London, so he should know something about it.

Sir William has become almost a permanent institution at the Mansion House, the official residence of London's Mayors. He has been there ever since 1875, and Mayors have been elected year after year, but Sir William has always been there to show them all the little details of their new office.

He is even called by facetious people "the Lord Mayor of Lord Mayors" and the "real Lord Mayor of London," for Sir William probably has more to do with the actual conduct of the affairs of the city than the Lord Mayor himself, whose time is mainly taken up with making speeches, attending banquets, laying corner-stones, opening hospitals, and wearing the magnificent regalia of his office.

This pomp and circumstance is necessary and traditional, but the man who plans it all is Sir William Soulsby.

SEARCH FOR ATLANTIS.

COUNT LEADS EXPEDITION.

[REUTER'S AMERICAN SERVICE.]

PARIS (U.P.).—A scientific search for traces of the legendary continent of Atlantis is to be made shortly along the north-west coast of Africa. The expedition, which is already preparing for its departure, is to be headed by Count Byron de Prorok, noted archaeologist and explorer of lost cities of antiquity.

"We hope to find tangible remains of the ancient civilisation of this lost continent which is described with a tons of historical truth even in mythology," said Count Prorok, when interviewed regarding the project. "Our searches will extend on land and under the sea. If our excavations do not result in discoveries we will then don diving suits and scour the bottom of the ocean."

A Submarine City.
"If this fabulous stretch of land ever did really exist, I am confident that we can find some traces of it in the region south of Agadir, in the territory of ancient Mauretania. It is here that we will concentrate our efforts."

Count Prorok is already familiar with Africa and the archeological richness beneath its soil. He has made several excursions into the Sahara Desert and along the northern coast of Africa. It was on one of his most famous expeditions that he explored a submarine city near ancient Carthage which he sighted from an airplane. This discovery resulted in the uncovering of many jewels still filled and sealed.

The Count recently completed a tour of the United States, where he lectured before clubs and American universities in more than eighty cities. He has already described his experiences in one book called, "Digging for Lost African Gods," and is expecting to publish another volume entitled, "The Mysterious Sahara, A Land of Golden Ruins," before he starts on his latest expedition to seek for remains of the Atlantis.

According to his friends this search in the region of Agadir will form material for another book.

A letter from Dr. Johnson to his wife, in which he assured her that he had seen nobody in his travels "that has not contributed to confirm my esteem and affection for thee," was sold at Sotheby's for £1,120.

A large Alsatian dog, the owner of which is unknown, attacked four people in a Leigh street, and was eventually shot by a police inspector acting under a magistrate's orders.

OIL CURTAILMENT PROPOSAL.

SENATOR BORAH CRITICIZES COMBINES.

A BITTER DISPUTE.

[REUTER'S AMERICAN SERVICE.]

WASHINGTON,

LOCAL FOOTBALL.

TO-DAY'S FIXTURES.

The following games in the Hong Kong League are down for decision to-day:—

Division I.

Kick-off at 4.45 p.m.

K.O.S.B. v. China Athletic. Sookunpoo ground. Referee: Cogan Willis.
Hong Kong Police v. Kowloon F.C. Kowloon F.C. ground. Referee: M. A. A. Vasper.
Royal Navy v. R.A. "Caroline Hill" ground. Referee: Mr. F. Smith.

Division II.

Kick-off at 3 p.m.

K.O.S.B. Reserves v. South China "A". Sookunpoo ground. Referee: Mr. J. Lawrence.
Royal Navy Reserves v. Eastern F.C. Navy ground. Happy Valley. Referee: Mr. Ip Kan Ko.
St. Joseph's v. R.A. Reserves. St. Joseph's ground. Referee: Pte Lamb.
South China "B" v. Club de Recreo Reserves. Caroline Hill ground. Referee: Mr. Moore.
Small Units Reserves v. China Athletic Reserves. Hong Kong F.C. ground. Referee: E.R.A. Anderson.

PLAYERS AND PROSPECTS.

At Sookunpoo, China Athletic are due to meet the K.O.S.B. The military team is doing well and teams who had the championship within sight have failed before them. Forward, the K.O.S.B. would be hard to beat. The defence, however, requires a little stiffening. The League championship is at stake to-day in this game, for a win for the Athletic would place them very favourably for the championship. After to-day's game, they have only to meet the R.A. and H.K.F.C. On the recent showing of the Borderers, it is expected they will give the Athletic a set back. They are two points behind South China with to-day's game in hand.

The Hong Kong Police will now meet Kowloon on the Railway ground. The Police are better placed in the League than Kowloon and are expected to take the points. Kowloon will, however, put up a good show and may take a point. They are due to meet the Club de Recreo in the Shield semi-final next Saturday.

At Caroline Hill, the Royal Navy oppose the R.A. This game has been transferred from the Kowloon F.C. ground. The Royal Navy should take the points. This game has no bearing on the League championship.

The Juniors.

With the juniors, the Royal Navy and K.O.S.B. have very easy games and should win. The race for the championship is in favour of the Navy, but the next meeting between these teams will probably decide the issue.

St. Joseph's and R.A. meet at Happy Valley and a close game should be seen. The Athletic should win against the Small Units, while the South China "B" game at Caroline Hill is expected to end in a draw.

THE PORTUGUESE INTERPORT.

HOW HONG KONG WON.

Saturday (March 31) was a jubilee day for the Shanghai Portuguese community, and a crowd estimated at over 1,000 journeyed to the Stadium to watch the cream of the local Portuguese footballers play the eleven from Hong Kong. Senhor J. H. de Bianchi, the Portuguese Minister, kicked off for the Hong Kong team after A. Gosano, the visiting skipper, had lost the toss.

Homesteaders Injured.

The game started in real inter-portal fashion, every move being fast, precise, and well schemed. The ball flashed up and down the field with amazing rapidity. There were dangerous raids on both sides and these were ably checked by the defenders. Excitement reached its highest point when the visitors balanced the count at one all after 20 minutes play. But in the second period when Costa, a tower of strength to the homesteaders, left the field on account of an injury to his left arm sustained in a fall, the game took on a totally different aspect, the visiting side piling up goal after goal.

Shanghai tallied the first point in the third minute through Goncalves who after receiving a pass from A. Colloco, drove into the corner of the net, giving the Hong Kong custodian no chance. The Hong Kong team kept bombarding the Hong Kong citadel for the greater portion of the initial period, with not tangible result.

From a well taken corner kick by B. Gosano the ball dropped in front of goal-mouth, and Rangel punched out with his fists. Ward of Hong Kong, receiving from Rangel, lobbed to Rocha who scored.

(Continued on next column).

LAWN TENNIS.

OPEN SINGLES SEMI-FINALS COMPLETED.

RUMJAHN COUSINS TO MEET.

The struggle for the fourth semi-final position of the Open Singles Championship of the Colony took place yesterday afternoon, the contestants being H. D. Rumjahn and Lim Peng Chin. The former won as was generally expected, but had to go all out. The Chinese put up a very creditable performance against his opponent and delighted the gallery by winning the first set. He showed up strongly and kept his opponent on the defensive with hard base line drives. Rumjahn did not settle down till the second set when he came into his own and reversed the score. Lim retaliated and after a good struggle won the third set. The Indian then steadied his play and brought the score to 2 sets all, by winning the fourth set. In the final set, Rumjahn established a lead of 3 games to love, which he increased to 4-2, eventually winning the set at 6-2, and with it the match.

He now meets his cousin, S. A. Rumjahn, who is his partner in the Open Doubles Championship, on Monday.

The four players in the semi-finals are:—

- (1) S. A. Rumjahn.
- (2) H. D. Rumjahn.
- (3) M. W. Lo.
- (4) E. C. Fincher.

The first two meet on Monday, and the latter two on Tuesday. In the semi-final of the Mixed Doubles Handicap D. Smith and Mrs. Smith (owe 4/6), beat H. V. Parker and Miss Stanton (owe 2/6) in straight sets, 6-4, 6-2. The winners now meet S. E. Green and Miss Heard (owe 15) in the final.

U.S. DAVIS CUP TEAM.

CAPTAIN APPOINTED.

[REUTERS' AMERICAN SERVICE]

PHILADELPHIA, April 5. Mr. Fitz Eugene Dixon, chairman of the Davis Cup selection committee, has been appointed captain of the United States Davis Cup team.

PUBLISHER-PRINCE ROPES AN ELEPHANT.

EIGHT DAYS IN THE JUNGLE.

Chiengrai, Siam (U.P.)—Roping an elephant is the exciting sport to which H.R.H. Prince Svasti of Siam has been devoting his attention.

After eight days in the jungle, most of which was spent in training a herd, the expedition caught up with nine animals. A young elephant with fine tusks was selected and the roping commenced.

It proved as exciting an affair as the most adventurous could demand. After a severe struggle the elephant was made captive. Prince Svasti is a highly modern member of a most modern royal family. His activities include publication of the Bangkok Daily Mail, with editions in both Siamese and English.

the equalizer with a header. Shanghai was still on the offensive during the remainder of the first half and it looked as if the local representatives would add something to the score. B. Favacho delivered two hot shots from close range but Beltrao, the Hong Kong goalie, cleared in a masterly style. At the interval the score was one for Shanghai and one for Hong Kong. About ten minutes after resumption B. Gosano tested Rangel and the latter weakly yielded the leather. A Gosano obtained possession and netted with a rising shot. In a return attack Costa was obliged to leave the field. The Shanghai defence was weakened and the attackers could not obtain the necessary support.

The Hong Kong forwards launched a raid after raid and goals were registered at short intervals. Brown, the outside left, increased the tally to three and Rocha increased the score with a nice header after receiving a pass from Remedios. Then Ward contributed another goal, the fifth for the Hong Kong team. In the last minute or so a Hong Kong player handled in a mix-up in the goal-area and H. Colloco converted the penalty kick into a point. Immediately the whistle was blown for the termination of the match.

The teams were as follows:—
Hong Kong.—Beltrao; Silva-Netto and Xavier; G. Remedios, A. Remedios and Souza; B. Gosano; Ward, A. Gosano, Rocha and Brown.
Shanghai.—Rangel; Marcel and Corte-Real; A. Colloco, Costa, and C. Favacho; A. Noddi, B. Favacho, H. Colloco, F. Noddi, and Goncalves.
Referee: Sergt. Bishop. Linesmen: Messrs. Leslie and Palmer.

THIRD EXTRA RACE MEETING.

PROGRAMME FOR NEXT SATURDAY.

ENTRIES FOR NON-HANDICAP EVENTS.

The following is the programme for the Hong Kong Jockey Club's third extra race meeting on April 13 at Happy Valley:—

1.—April Stakes: One Mile.

For China ponies subscription griffins of this Club of this season, non-winners. Weight for inches as per scale. Jockey allowance. Entrance fee \$5. 1st prize \$400; 2nd prize \$150; 3rd prize \$100.

2.—Box Vista Handicap "A" Class: Six Furlongs.

For subscription griffins of this Club of any season. Winners of more than four races at any time, barred. Entrance fee \$5. 1st prize \$400; 2nd prize \$150; 3rd prize \$100.

3.—Morrison Hill Handicap "B" Class: One Mile.

For all China ponies. Subscription griffins of any season that have at any time won less than five races, barred. Entrance fee \$5. 1st prize \$400; 2nd prize \$150; 3rd prize \$100.

4.—Second Aggregate Stakes: One Mile.

Value \$500. For all China ponies. Catch weight at 10 st. 9 lbs. Winners of one race value \$500 or over other than a race confined to subscription griffins, or ponies that have won the aggregate prize in the Aggregate Stakes in any season, 5 lbs. extra. Non-winning subscription griffins allowed 5 lbs. 2nd prize \$300; 3rd prize \$150.

5.—Kelleit Handicap "A" Class: 1 1/2 Miles.

For China ponies. Entrance fee \$5. 1st prize \$450; 2nd prize \$200; 3rd prize \$100.

6.—D'Agullar Plate: Once Round (About 7 furlongs 55 yards).

For all China ponies. Weight for inches as per scale. Subscription griffins of this season allowed 10 lbs. non-winning griffins of this season allowed 5 lbs. Winners of one race 5 lbs. extra; of two races 10 lbs. extra; of three or more races 15 lbs. extra. Jockey allowance. Entrance fee \$5. 1st prize \$400; 2nd prize \$150; 3rd prize \$100.

7.—Boa Vista Handicap "B" Class: Six Furlongs.

For subscription griffins of this Club of any season. Winners of more than four races at any time, barred. Entrance fee \$5. 1st prize \$400; 2nd prize \$150; 3rd prize \$100.

8.—Morrison Hill Handicap "A" Class: One Mile.

For all China ponies. Subscription griffins of any season that have at any time won less than five races, barred. Entrance fee \$5. 1st prize \$400; 2nd prize \$150; 3rd prize \$100.

9.—Kelleit Handicap "B" Class: 1 1/2 Miles.

For China ponies. Entrance fee \$5. 1st prize \$450; 2nd prize \$200; 3rd prize \$100.

THE ENTRIES.

The entries for non-handicap events are as follows:—

April Stakes.

Sunshine (Lobel), Duke of Normandy II. (Lau and Lee), Duke of Milan (Lau and Lee), Sztarmar (K. H. Kay), Rummy (James), Pink Pearl (Ho Sai Man), Pappaya (Hynes and Mackie), Pumpkin (Hynes and Mackie), The Ptarmigan (Shenton), The Jungle Book (Harbot), Half Pine (Splite), Alderley (Mancunian), Inca (Ip and Mo), Heretofore (Seth), False Alarm (R. M. Austin), Armony (Mrs. B. M. Austin), Sopron (Service), King's Parade (Service), Bronze Idol (Hee Cheong), Charleston (Sturt).

Second Aggregate Stakes.

Monterey Bay (Hau Un), Duke of Chantilly (Lau and Lee), Grand Tattoo (Eve), Blue World (Stanton and Reidy), Town Hall (Ho Kom Tong), San Francisco (Bennett and Cave), Pickle (Hynes and Mackie), The Pheasant (Shenton), Chesapeake Bay (Hinson and Wong), Huntington (John Peel), Christmas Chimes (Beith and Heard), Winsome Stag (Chan Tin Sion), Sunning (Husham).

D'Agullar Plate.

Monterey Bay (Hau Un), Blue Danube (Yam Man), The Jamaica (Wayfoong), Sunshine (Lobel), Duke of Chantilly (Lau and Lee), Buster (W. T. Stanton), City Hall (Ho Kom Tong), Town Hall (Ho Kom Tong), Imperial Hall (Ho Kom Tong), San Francisco (Bennett and Cave), The Pheasant (Shenton), Chesapeake Bay (Hinson and Wong), Huntington (John Peel), Mount Elburz (K. C. Lau), Duke of Melrose (Kitchell and Li), Young Pretender (Dynasty), Thunderbolt (Wong Ping Shun), Flying Star (Chan, M. and A. E. M. Rafeek), Eri's Isle (Ulster), Ace of Spades (Ulster), May (Mrs. Charles).

GOLF.

ROYAL HONG KONG GOLF CLUB.

STARTING TIMES FOR SUNDAY, APRIL 9, 1929.

8.30 a.m. A. H. Ferguson and L. R. Andrews.
9.30 " T. L. Christie and K. S. Robertson.
9.35 " C. Thwaites and A. J. Frank.
9.40 " Capt. Ashby and J. R. Collis.
9.44 " E. C. Frederick and E. Lewis.
9.49 " W. D. Brown and I. H. Grear.
9.52 " W. L. Dunbar and C. E. Holmes.
9.56 " H. Howard and W. J. Gordon.
10.00 " A. G. Coppin and L. Yates.
10.04 " A. Leach and K. L. Dugan.
10.08 " J. S. MacLaren and D. Ellis.
10.12 " Capt. Grant and A. Webster.
10.16 " E. P. Fletcher and W. K. Tait.
10.20 " C. B. Brown and S. T. Butler.
10.24 " J. P. Warren and C. C. Stark.
10.28 " E. Des Vaux and A. O. Brown.
10.32 " S. Berg and J. E. Wright.
10.36 " A. B. Purves and C. Mycock.
10.40 " A. Piercy and H. Spicer.
10.44 " R. K. Hepburn and A. Sommerfelt.
10.48 " S. J. H. Fox and M. B. Matthews.
10.52 " H. N. Laver and S. M. Walker.
10.56 " G. W. Reeves and S. S. Perry.
11.00 " N. K. Littlejohn and T. S. Whyte Smith.
11.04 " A. E. Lissaman and Major Beamish.
11.08 " C. L. Shank and E. D. Black.
11.12 " O. E. C. Marton and D. J. Gilmore.
11.16 " F. M. Ellis and J. K. Shaw.
11.20 " H. R. Remington and J. Thayer.
11.24 " H. R. Sturt and S. A. Sleep.
11.28 " A. D. Humphreys and H. A. Lammert.

SPURS PROBLEM AT HUNTER SHOW.

DISPENSED WITH BY MOST RIDERS.

"To spur or not to spur" was evidently the question in the principal jumping event at the Hunter Show at the Agricultural Hall. Spurs were worn by only six out of the thirty-six riders; the rest carried whips, and relied on skill and lung power to get them over.

Jumping events at horse shows are always the most popular features, for even those who know least about horses are thrilled by the grace of a good horse and the skill of a horseman. Miss A. Bullows, on I. F. Not, went round the jumps with only one fault, and exalted her steed by loud cries. Another girl of about sixteen won admiration for her plucky riding, and with her hair hanging down her back, cleared all but the water jump.

The King's Cup.

Some of the riders were expressions of intense concentration, others of non-chalance, and some of defiance. They were all, however, rewarded with cheers, especially Mr. E. Adcock on Felix, who gave a perfect exhibition of horsemanship. The other important event was the judging of the thoroughbred stallions for the King's Champion Challenge Cup. Here was the pick of England's horseflesh, and their proud carriage showed that they well knew it.

One of the King's horses, London Cry, who won first prize for his particular district last year, was awarded the rosette of the second prize this time. He then gave an exhibition of fireworks in the ring to show that he regarded anything but the first prize as less unjust.

These champions of their class will, after the show, be sent round England, and will be used by the farmers to breed equally good stock, and so improve the horse standard of the country.

RATS AS AVIATOR.

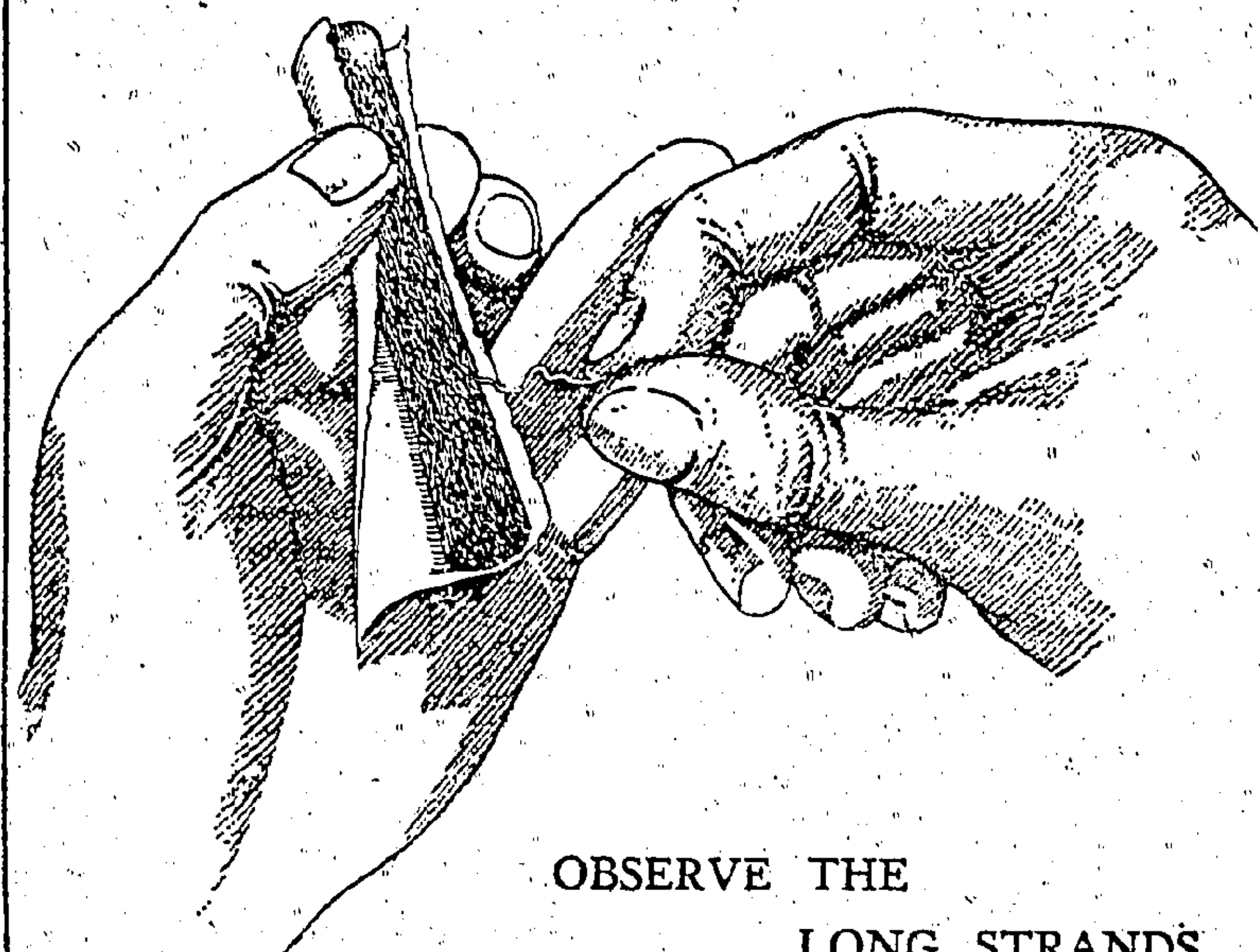
IN WING OF A BOMBER.

Manila (U.P.)—Hangar attendants at Camp Nichols, U.S. Army flying field near Manila, were surprised to discover a family of small rats snugly installed in the wing of a big army bombing airplane.

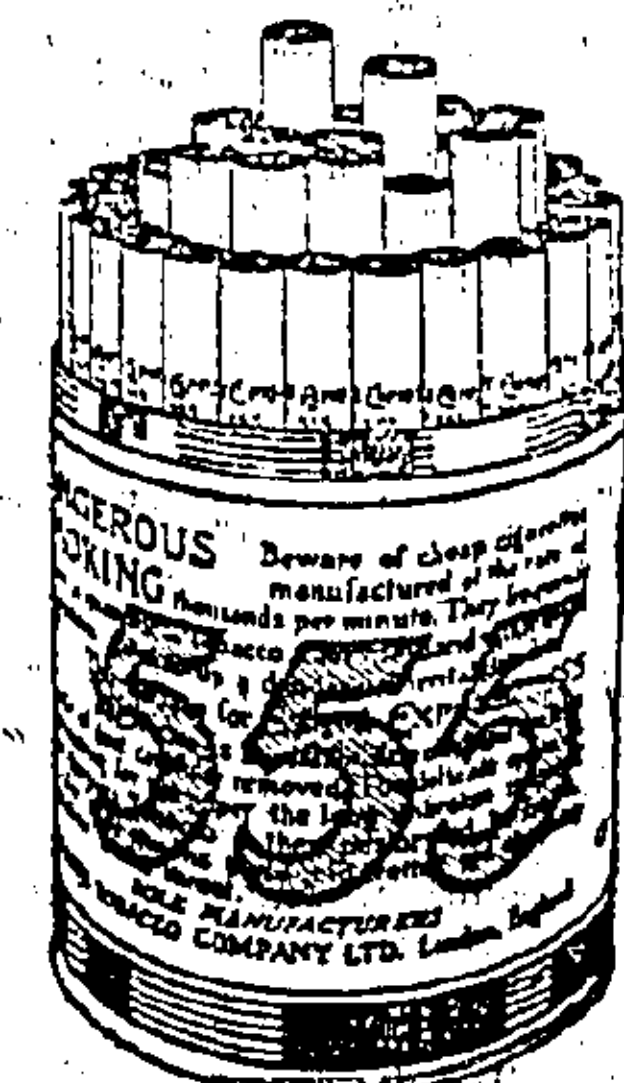
Apparently the baby rats had been in residence for some time and they doubtless had flown many hundreds of miles.

Airmen speculated on the excitement of family life under such conditions, with Father Rat departing for food each morning, and waiting at eventide for the bomber to roll in with his wife and children from patrol duty in the skies.

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"MIDDIES" SAILING RACE.

H.M.S. KENT WINS LADY TYRWHITT'S TROPHY.

SUFFOLK TAKES NEXT FIVE PLACES.

The sailing race for midshipmen competing for the trophy presented by Lady Tyrwhitt, wife of Admiral Sir Reginald Y. Tyrwhitt, Bt., K.C.B., D.S.O., D.C.L., until recently Commander-in-Chief of the China Station, was won by Midshipman Parkhurst sailing H.M.S. Kent's galley and completing the course in 1 hour 47 min. 30 sec. H.M.S. Suffolk was second and took the next three places.

The race which commenced at 2 p.m. was over a course starting from H.M.S. Tamar and passing around buoys No. 7 and 8, and then to Buoy No. 56, up to Cust Rock buoy and back to the starting point. The course, a triangular one, was to be covered twice.

Very Good Conditions.

The conditions of the race were very good and the boats were helped by a good sailing breeze. Midshipman Parkhurst's galley, from H.M.S. Kent, crossed the finishing line in 1 hour 47 min. The first six places were as follows:—1st, H.M.S. Kent (galley); 2nd, H.M.S. Suffolk (1st cutter); 3rd, H.M.S. Suffolk (2nd cutter); 4th, H.M.S. Suffolk (1st whaler); 5th, H.M.S. Suffolk (2nd whaler); 6th, H.M.S. Kent (1st whaler).

The date of the presentation of the trophies for both Thursday's race and yesterday's will be announced later.

ARE THERE ANY LETTERS FOR YOU?

UNCLAIMED CORRESPONDENCE, ETC., AT THE G.P.O.

THE OFFICIAL LIST FOR SATURDAY.

A General Post Office notification, issued on Saturday, gives the following particulars with regard to unclaimed correspondence, etc., waiting at the Post Office, and also unclaimed radio telegrams at the Radio Telegraph Office:—

Poste Restante Correspondence.

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Unpaid Correspondence.

C. D. Adams, H. W. Dunning, Mrs. Clayton Young.

Registered Articles.

Haji Abdul Latiff Ahmed, Wm. Basker & Co., Mrs. Chu Yun Kum, A. Sarritte Curlo, Durwish and Luckschandl (Ben Meyer's International Commercial Directory), Miss K. Ellison (c/o H.K. Hotel), P. Hatemann, Misses Himmus, G. Hummel (c/o J. P. Bisset & Co.), Mons. P. czelowski, A. V. Pison, John Pooler, Daria Rechlowska.

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Money and Markets

CANTON TRADE NOTES.

The Canton Reconstruction Department has started building a silk experimental station in Kwangtung.

Owing to the Ching Ming Festival (April 5) when many people leave Canton for their native districts to worship at their ancestral graves, the general market in Canton has become rather quiet. There is however considerable demand for "Joss sticks" and green. The Cantonese, especially boatmen and shop folk, eat goose during important festivals, and at wedding and funeral feasts, but at no other time.

Banknotes of the Central Bank of China are now accepted at full face value in Canton and in the country districts. The current rate of exchange for Hong Kong currency is about \$1.35.

The rice harvest in Kwangtung has failed owing to the drought and the Kwangtung Provincial Government have requested the Ministry of Finance to exempt rice from import duties for eight months antedated from January of the present year. Prices of rice in the southwestern districts including Lin-chow, Yanchow, Luchow, and Lingshan are still high, however, on account of the failure of local rice harvests.

An attempt was made some time ago to enforce the affixing of duty stamps on all luxury trade articles, but owing to a strong protest from the merchants the Government decided to postpone action. It is now reported that the Bureau of Duties has secured the sanction of the Ministry of Finance to revive the issue of these stamps.

CANTON BEAN AND GROUNDNUT MARKET.

The bean market has been weak and though arrivals have been scarce there has been a decline in the prices of beans of all kinds. The market for peeled groundnuts is also inactive but prices remain firm.

Quotations at the latest market of beans are as follows:—
Soy Bean, Choy, Chu Wong \$10.15
Soy Bean, Chu Wong 10.00
Soy Bean, Lin Wong 10.00
White Bean 10.15
Black Bean 8.65
Green Bean, Common grade 10.00
Green Bean, Sunsheng 12.00
Scarlet Bean 11.90

Peeled Groundnut.

Fung Hsuan \$11.80
Chi Tung 11.50
Wen Kou 11.60
Daiten 11.40
Taiten 12.30
Kufow 11.90
Foshan 12.20
Fat Kou 11.15

RAW SILK.

THE "STOCKINGLESS FAD."

Messrs. Pentreath & Co. have forwarded us the following letter, dated March 7, which they have received from Hornby, Hemelryk & Co., of Liverpool:—

"Prices have eased further during the past week, the decline being principally due to unfavourable statistics for February, and, on balance, values are about 7c. lower than those ruling a week ago."

February imports of Raw Silk into America are given as 43,973 bales, and the deliveries to American mills are returned at 46,228 bales, the latter figure being smaller than expected.

The market does not respond to the predominance of constructive factors which prevail and our New York correspondents say that whilst it is true that the heavier rate of arrivals from the interior of Japan creates the suspicion that the remaining cocoon supplies are larger than anticipated, this should be more than offset by the generally accepted strong statistical position in America in addition to the obviously good prospects of increasing distribution.

There is some talk in America that the summer "stockingless fad" will develop this year, but reports from history centres show unusual activity and increasing demand.

Mills are believed to be somewhat behind on Spring print deliveries and large sales have been reported. On the other hand, manufacturers are now said to be indifferent buyers, probably due to the large takings of late and possibly to doubts as to their ability to maintain the current rate of production.

The yen exchange affords another depressing feature, owing to the political situation in the Far East and to the indefinite postponement in Japan of measures calculated to return the yen exchange to par.

Our New York correspondents cable that long liquidation has been well absorbed despite bearish statistics. Spot prices continue firm. The daily demand is good, and the technical position has improved. Early sellers are now absorbing offerings, and prices should make for improvement.

HONG KONG SHARE MARKET.

BUSINESS MODERATE AFTER HOLIDAY.

MESSRS. BENJAMIN & POTTS' WEEKLY REPORT.

Messrs. Benjamin & Potts' in their weekly share report state:—

Our market reopened after the Easter holidays on the 2nd instant, and during the few days which have elapsed, business has been on a moderate scale without showing any great change in prices.

Banks:—Hong Kong and Shanghai Banks have slightly weakened, having been dealt in round about \$1.240, but the market at home is firmer.

Marine & Fire Insurances:—Unions were placed at \$332, and more shares are obtainable at this rate. Hong Kong Fire has firmed up to \$735. Cantons at \$695, and China Fires at \$290 continue in demand at quotations. Underwriters are on offer at \$2.30.

Shipping:—Hong Kong, Canton and Macao Steamships have further declined, shares being on offer at \$25 and no buyers over \$25. Douglas Steamships at \$36 and Tugs and Lighters at \$2.40 are unchanged.

Docks, Wharves & Godowns:—Hong Kong and Kowloon Wharves are a shade lower and were negotiated at \$123 at which rate more are wanted. China Providents were bid up to \$4.00. Whampoa Docks are wanted at \$33. A speculative demand for Shanghai Docks lifted the price to \$124 but the market has since weakened and shares are obtainable at \$122. New Engineering are unchanged with buyers at \$12. 4.85.

Lands, Hotels & Buildings:—Hong Kong and Shanghai Hotels were dealt in at \$9.10 but have since been sold under \$9. Humphreys Estates have again been in demand, and a few more shares can be placed at \$143. Hong Kong Lands are required for at \$83 after sales at this rate. Shanghai Lands at \$12. 171 mark a rise.

Public Utilities:—Hong Kong Electricities have been dealt in at \$59/\$59. China Lights have continued in good demand and were bought at \$14 and \$14.10. It is proposed to increase the Capital of the Company from \$3,600,000 to \$5,000,000 by the creation of 280,000 additional shares of the nominal value of \$5 each, and that 80,000 of the said shares be offered to shareholders in the proportion of one new share for every complete number of nine existing shares held by them—the balance of 200,000 shares to be issued later on. Hong Kong Trams were taken off the market at \$18.40. Star Ferries are slightly lower and were put through at \$67. Peak Trams continue in request at \$124.

Miscellaneous:—Dairy Farms were realised at \$193. Green Island Cements (Old) are unchanged with buyers at \$8.55. China Sugars are on offer at \$1. Watson's are on offer at \$13.20 ex the dividend of 30 cents just paid. Hong Kong Amusements changed hands at \$254. Hong Kong Telephones fetched \$7.10. Canton Ice were sold at \$13. Hong Kong Government Loan can be placed at 7 1/2 per cent. premium.

Cotton Mills:—Ewoe fell away early in the week to \$12. 12, but subsequently recovered and sales were made up to \$13. Shanghai Cottons (Old) at \$12. 72 have not moved.

The following quotations were received by cable from London on March 20, 1929:—

ORDINARY

British-American Tobacco Company 28. 2. 6
Imp. Tob. G.B. & I. 6. 0. 7 1/2
Imp. Tob. Canada 2. 0. 6
Imp. Chem. Industries 2. 0. 0
British Match Corp. 1. 10. 0
Mond Nickel (International Nickel) G. 850
Anglo-Persian Oil 24. 13. 1 1/2
British Colanese 1. 6. 10 1/2
Dunlop Rubber 1. 2. 7 1/2
(All "Middle" Prices)

Exchange:—The T.T. rate on London to-day is 1/11 1/2 and on Shanghai 78 1/2.

Forward Settlement Days:—April 20, May 28 and June 25, 1929.

CANTON STOCK EXCHANGE.

CLOSING QUOTATIONS.

CANTON, April 4.
Water Works \$4.00
Electric Light & Power 4.00
Canton-Hankow Railway52
The Sun Company 79.00
Sincere Company 104.00
Nanyang Bros. Tob. Co. 4.30
Canton Tramways 2.55
China Merchants' Steam Navigation Company 59.00
Central Bank of China 47.50

MINING IN CHINA.

COAL AND WAR RAVAGES.

In his latest report to the Department of Overseas Trade, published by H.M. Stationery Office, price 2s. 6d. net, Mr. H. H. Fox, C.M.G., Commercial Counsellor, British Legation, Peking, points out that China's coal mines have, with few exceptions, suffered more from civil war and interruption of communications than any other industries, and that though in most cases no statistics are available it may safely be estimated that the production of coal is now less than one-half of what it was in 1925, namely, 25,000,000 tons. The two fortunate exceptions are the Fushun collieries in South Manchuria operated by the South Manchuria Railway, and the Kaiping mines of the Kailan Mining Administration in Northern China.

It is sometimes asked why China imports some 2,000,000 tons of coal annually, principally from Japan, and exports about the same amount to Japan and Korea. The explanation is that the geographical situation of the Japanese in Kyushu enables the majority of the collieries in this field to dispose of a percentage of their output in Central and South China at remunerative prices, whereas the mines in North China and Manchuria find it profitable to sell coal to Japan for steam raising and domestic purposes. Certain grades of Chinese coal, moreover, have special qualities such as Kaiping coal, which is very suitable for cooking, and anthracite, used for briquetting and mixing purposes generally.

Metals.

In regard to China's iron-ore and pig-iron, the bulk comes mainly from the Panshiu mines in Manchuria and the Tayeh mines on the Yangtze, and it is taken by Japan. The export figures for 1927 were, ore 493,964 tons, and pig-iron 200,912 tons. Of antimony regulus China in 1927 exported 15,556 tons, about one-half going to America and the remainder to Great Britain, France and Japan. China's output of tin (in ingots and slabs), 90 per cent. of which comes from the Kachiu mines, is taken entirely by Hong Kong, whence it is shipped to the United States, Great Britain and Europe. The total export for 1927 was 6,220 tons.

HONG KONG STOCK EXCHANGE.

CLOSING QUOTATIONS.

APRIL 5, 1929.
H.K. Banks \$1.235 buy, 1.245 sel.
Do, London 213 1/2 nom.
Chartered Banks 220 1/2 buy.
Mercantile Banks, & C. 234 nom.
Do, C. 215 1/2 nom.
P. & O. Banks 22 1/2 nom.
East Asia Banks 190 1/2 nom.
Canton Insurances \$896 buy.
Union Insurances \$331 sel.
North China Ins. Tls. 180 buy.
Yangtze Insurances M. \$50 nom.
China Underwriters \$2.10 sel.
China Fire Insurances \$270 buy.
H.K. Fire Ins. \$38 nom.
Do, Tugs \$25 sel.
Do, Steamships \$240 nom.
Indo-China (Pref.) \$321 nom.
Do, (Def.) \$92 nom.
Shell Transporta 101 1/2 nom.
Union Waterboats 122 1/2 nom.
Benguet 121 buy.
Kailan Mining Admin. Tls. 14 nom.
Langkate (combined) Tls. 74 nom.
S'hai Exp. (combined) Tls. 2.30 sel.
Shanghai Loans Tls. 44 nom.
Rau \$6.55 buy.
Tonghai Mines 17 1/2 nom.
H.K. & W. Wharfs \$123 buy.
H.K. & W. Docks \$37 sel.
China Providents \$4.55 buy.
Hongkows Tls. 169 nom.
New Engineerings Tls. 435 buy.
Shanghai Docks Tls. 132 sel.
Two Cottons Tls. 13.80 buy, 13.80 sel.
Oriental Cottons Tls. 2 nom.
S'hai Cottons (old) Tls. 72 nom.
Do, (new) Tls. 35 nom.
H.K. & S. Hotels \$38.80 buy, \$39 sel.
H.K. Lands \$63 buy, & \$64 sel.
Shanghai Lands Tls. 171 buy.
Humphreys Estates \$3.60 nom.
H.K. Realities \$13.40 sel.
H.K. Tramways \$12.40 sel.
Peak Trams (old) \$124 buy.
Do, (new) \$6.30 nom.
Star Ferries \$37 buy.
China Lights \$134 buy, 14 sel., 12.50/14 sel.
H.K. Electric \$53 nom.
Macao Electric \$162 nom.
Sandakan Lights \$21 sel.
Telephones Tls. 13 buy.
China Buses Tls. 11.6 nom.
Singapore Trams Tls. 16/8 buy.
Do, (Pref.) 16/8 buy.
China Sugars \$1 sel.
Malayan Sugars \$30 buy.
Canton Ice \$1.20 buy, 2 sel., 1.1/1.20 sel.
Cements (combined) \$48.50 buy, \$47.50 sel.
Do, (old) \$7.80 nom.
Do, (new) \$1.40 buy.
H.K. Ropes \$7 1/2 sel.
United Asbestos \$5 nom.
Dairy Farms \$20 sel.
Watsons \$18.20 buy.
Der A Wings 20 cts. buy.
Lane Crawford \$2 sel.
Mackintoshes \$20 nom.
Sincere \$11 buy.
Wm. Powell \$3.65 nom.
Y.K. Amusements \$25 buy.
H.K. Constructions \$11 sel.
Bqua. Indus. G.S. Bonds 66 1/2 sel.
H.K. Govt. Loans 7 1/2 prom. buy.
buy—buyers; sel—sellers; sa—sales; nom.—nominal.

CHURCH NOTICES.

ST. JOHN'S CATHEDRAL, HONG KONG.

APRIL 7, 1929, Low Sunday.—
Choral Eucharist at 8 a.m.
Children's Service at 10 a.m.
Peak Sunday School at 10 a.m.
Matins at 11 a.m.
Preacher—The Rev. H. V. Koop.
Holy Communion at 12 noon.
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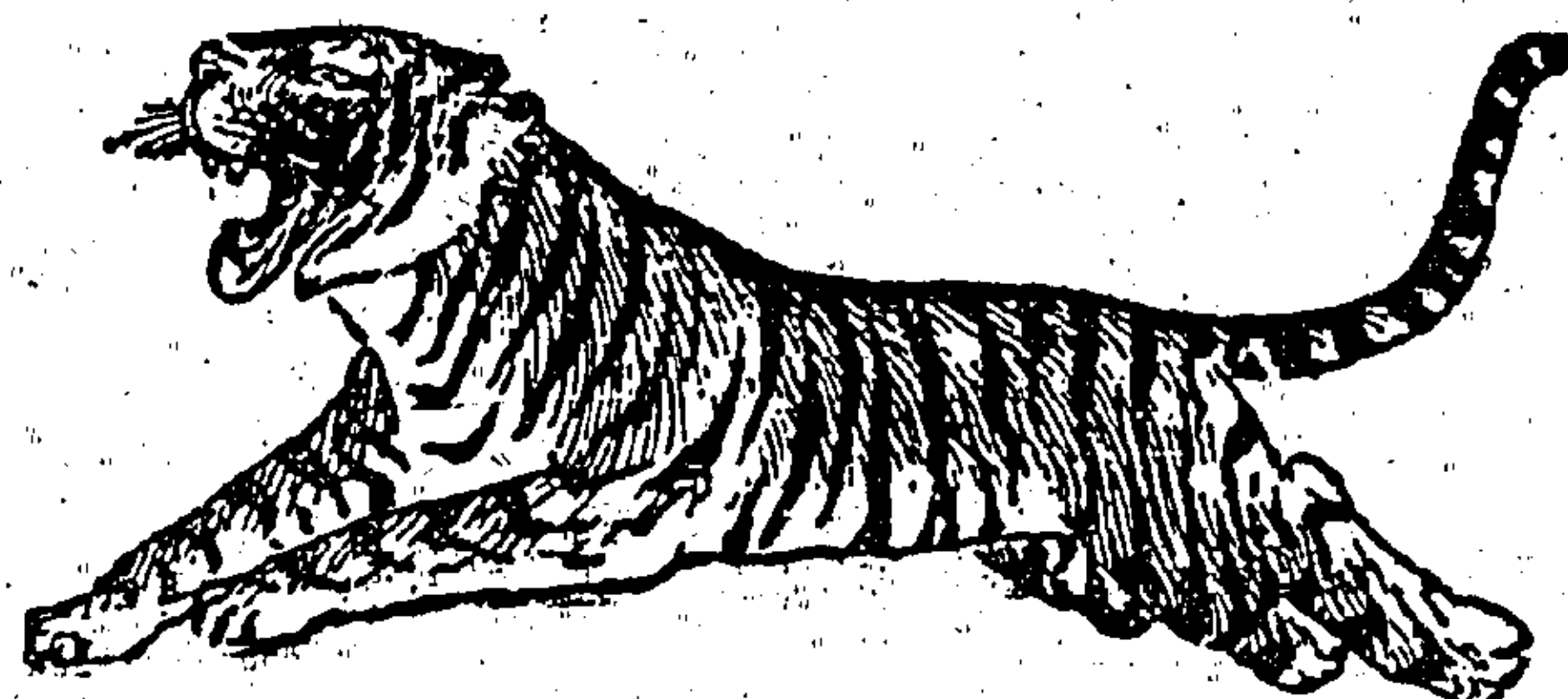
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CHILD MARRIAGES IN ENGLAND.

LORD BUCKMASTER'S NEW BILL

WILL RIDICULOUS LAWS BE CHANGED?

London (U.P.).—Child marriage between girls and boys of twelve and fourteen years of age will be prohibited in Great Britain if a bill which Lord Buckmaster successfully sponsored in the House of Lords meets with the approval of the Commons. Lord Buckmaster, one of England's foremost legal authorities, when interviewed in his home by the United Press explained his reasons for urging the bill. "Permitting children of twelve and fourteen to marry if the consent of their parents can be obtained is frequently sheer cruelty," he declared. "It was the study of a particularly tragic case that started me working on this question which should certainly have been revised years ago."

He cited the case. A girl of between twelve and thirteen had been assaulted, he stated, by a man of 20. The man was hailed before a magistrate.

Little Girl's Sufferings.

"It was then suggested," Lord Buckmaster continued, "that if he married the girl she could not be compelled to give evidence. This was done and the man, who should have been sent to prison for the longest term the law allows, was permitted to enter into a union blessed by the law with the little creature against whom he had perpetrated this unforgivable wrong."

He added that this happened three years ago and that he had recently been informed that girl had been half-starved and brutally ill-used.

"It is exactly what one might have expected," he concluded. Lord Buckmaster regards the presence of a law sanctioning such marriages as a great disgrace. Turning to a book-case, he produced a law treatise from which he quoted the following explanation of how the law originally came into being. The explanation was, he said, made several hundred years ago.

"It is not because the parties are supposed to have sufficient discretion at that age to appreciate the consequences of so critical an engagement, but because in general they have by that time arrived at physical maturity and the worst social evils would ensue from holding them incapable of marrying."

Some Telling Statistics.

"I consider this a further proof of the theory that men and women matured more rapidly three or four hundred years ago than they do to-day. Shakespeare was able to show Juliet as a girl of fourteen. If she were so represented on the stage to-day, the result would be considered ludicrous," he went on.

In his opinion and, he believes, in the opinion of most men, a law which regards assault of a girl under the age of sixteen as a criminal offence and yet permits that girl to go through the ceremony of marriage with her assaulter, thus shielding him completely from the law, is ridiculous.

Lord Buckmaster produced the figures regarding the child marriage up until 1928, the most up-to-date available. In 1928 there were 34 girls of 15 married and 4 of fourteen. In 1925 there were 24 and 2 respectively and in 1924 there were 19 and 2.

"Obviously, the number of cases is not great," he continued, "but to my mind the number has nothing to do with it. If the existence of our law leads to even a single case to the perpetration of a grave wrong against the girl, it ought to be immediately removed."

What of the Girl?

The only possible reason against such amendment of the law, he believes, is that in cases where a girl under sixteen is about to become a mother it is preferable to allow her to marry rather than have her child branded as illegitimate.

But because a man has committed a crime is it any reason to allow him to marry the girl merely to make the consequences of the crime legitimate? he demanded fiercely.

"What of the girl?" Lord Buckmaster's bill provides for raising the marriage age to sixteen for both sexes. Sixteen is already the so-called "age of consent."

A similar evil is growing in the depressed areas, Lord Buckmaster declares, where an increasing number of youthful marriages are to be noted. Although most of these marriages are over sixteen, he learns on reliable authority that the chief reason for matrimony frequently seems to be the fact that the Government allows a large "dole" to married couples.

NAVAL MOVEMENTS.

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Paris (U.P.).—Airplane propellers eat money faster than roulette wheels, according to people promoting a species of "ride in your own airplane" movement on the continent. Tourist agencies are making a special effort to obtain this type of business because it brings in the largest profits and in the long run require less expenditure of effort. One company is considering opening a special department for the air taxi service.

"At the present moment," all records for "luxurious travel" are being shattered by Van Leer Black, the sportsman financier and part owner of the Baltimore Sun. Mr. Black, it is estimated has already spent close to \$100,000 and before he is back in America will have spent as much more.

A Tri-Motored Fokker.

According to reliable informants, Mr. Black travels in a tri-motored Fokker with two pilots, a valet and a secretary. He stops only in the most luxurious hotels and sends telegrams ahead to aviation fields, ordering the field cleared of snow, the grass clipped, and all things done which are conducive to a safe and pleasant journey.

The plane which he is using for his tour is said to have cost \$25,000. Add to this sum the salaries of his travelling companions, hotel and entertainment bills, and the cost of voyaging in the air, and the total at the end of a few months will not be far from a quarter of a million dollars.

Very little is known of this air-tourist's plans. It is known that he wired to Athens and Constantinople to inquire the state of the landing fields. It is also known that he was including Africa in his itinerary.

Mr. Black is the latest and most spectacular of the air tourists. His flight will have set a record, it is confidently believed, for high speed expenditures. Several years ago an American millionaire engaged a plane and visited fourteen countries in eleven days, transacting business in each. He finally landed in the Mediterranean Sea and although he did not drown it cured him of airplanes for a while.

People who wish to cover ground rapidly are always ready to take an air taxi. Parcels to be delivered in a hurry are often laid down by airplane. The wealthy American who comes to Europe is becoming more and more air conscious. It is predicted that before many years have passed ten per cent. of all travel in Europe by visiting Americans will be done by air taxi.

PASSENGERS.

Arrivals.

The following passengers arrived yesterday by the s.s. Hakusan Maru from Japan via Shanghai:—Mr. A. Van Bynen, Mr. Cheung Lew Chow, Mr. M. Cardan, Mrs. Gao Man Eng, Mr. Henry Hale, Mr. and Mrs. Halker, Mr. A. T. S. Jensen, Mr. T. S. Low, Mr. Lee Kan Ting, Mr. J. Margerison, Mr. Sing Chong Man, Miss F. I. Steele, Mr. Taw Whan Foo, Miss E. L. G. Thomas, Mr. J. Wu, Mr. J. R. Conning, Mr. P. H. Cheng, Mr. Chan Tat San, Mr. G. Hamme, Mr. and Mrs. Lewis, Mr. J. Loo, Mr. S. M. Liang, Mr. A. A. Remedios, Mr. and Mrs. Soo, Mr. T. Sung.

Sidney Percy Gray, an ex-policeman of the Metropolitan force, accused at the Old Bailey of murdering the four children who were found in a shed at Romford with their throats cut, was found insane and unfit to plead, and was ordered to be detained during the King's pleasure.

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CHINA FLEET BOXING.

FIRST NIGHT'S PROGRAMME.

The preliminary bouts of the China Fleet Amateur Boxing Championships were held yesterday afternoon and evening at the Royal Naval Canteen Theatre. The boxing arrangements were made by the China Fleet Boxing Association. The programme included some 55 fights, of which over 30 were fought off yesterday. The welterweight class was concentrated upon and brought up to the finals. Several bouts were also decided in the catchweight class.

Some very clean and hard hitting boxing was seen and the finals should prove thoroughly interesting to lovers of the game.

Among those present last night were Commanders Byron, Porter, Stanley, Figgins (President of the Association), Phillips, Lieut.-Commander Farnant and Lieut. Hardy (Fleet Recreation Officer).

The judges were: Lieut. Dalison, Referee; Lieut. Alexander, Judges. Lieut.-Comdr. Bremner, Judge. Vice-Admiral Waite, Commander-in-Chief of the China Station, will be present at the boxing tonight.

The results of last night's boxing were as follows:—

Welterweight.

A.B. Turner (Hermes) beat A.B. Webb (Hermes); A.B. Trimmings (Hermes) beat Stoker Harding (Suffolk); Stoker Harrey (Kent) beat Stoker Tucker (Titania); A.B. Perkes (Hermes) beat Marine Hurst (Suffolk).

Catchweights.

A.B. Bullen (Suffolk) beat Marine Godden (Kent); A.B. Swann (Hermes) beat A.B. McKinney (Hermes).

Middleweights.

Stoker Taylor (Barwick) beat Marine Huntley (Kent); A.B. Halcombe (Sterling) beat L. Stoker Day (Kent).

Lightweights.

Tel. Sears (Hermes) beat A.B. Brien (Suffolk).

Featherweights.

Boy Clarke (Suffolk) beat A.B. Bambridge (Hermes).

Bantamweights.

Boy Gilham (Suffolk) beat A.B. Roberts (Herald).

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AMVOY.

Tijlboet, J.C.J.L., Apr. 6.
Antung, B. & S., Apr. 7.
Haiyang, Douglas, Apr. 9.
Shantung, B. & S., Apr. 9.
Takliwa, B.I., Apr. 10.
Haiching, Douglas, Apr. 12.
Tjikarang, J.C.J.L., Apr. 12.
Anking, B. & S., Apr. 13.
Szechuen, B. & S., Apr. 13.
Namsang, Jardine's, Apr. 17.
Takada, P. & O., Apr. 17.
Tjikini, J.C.J.L., Apr. 22.
Tjisroea, J.C.J.L., Apr. 23.
Hosang, Jardine's, Apr. 23.
Talamha, B.I., Apr. 23.
Kutsang, Jardine's, May 5.
Tjimanok, J.C.J.L., May 8.

ANTWERP.

Hakusan Maru, N.Y.K., Apr. 6.
Burgeland, Jelsen, Apr. 16.
Chile, Manners, Apr. 19.
Kitano Maru, N.Y.K., Apr. 20.
Nagapore, P. & O., May 4.
Haruna Maru, N.Y.K., May 4.
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AUSTRALIAN PORTS.

Chronos, Dodwell's, Apr. 9.
Change, Butterfield, Apr. 18.
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BALIC PORTS.

Saabruecken, Melchers, Apr. 10.
Chile, Manners, Apr. 19.
Sumatra, Gilman's, Apr. 21.
Dessau, Melchers, Apr. 22.
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BALTIMORE.

Laomedon, Bank, Apr. 10.

BANGKOK.

Kiangsu, B. & S., Apr. 7.

BELAWAN DELI.

Cremer, J.C.J.L., Apr. 11.
Dessau, Melchers, Apr. 22.
Coblentz, Melchers, May 4.

BOMBAY.

Awa Maru, N.Y.K., Apr. 11.
Nalders, P. & O., Apr. 13.
Mirzapore, P. & O., Apr. 16.
Karmala, P. & O., Apr. 20.
Alipore, P. & O., Apr. 24.
Mantua, P. & O., Apr. 27.
Bengal Maru, N.Y.K., Apr. 27.
Nagapore, P. & O., May 4.

BOSTON.

Pres. Monroe, Dollar, Apr. 7.
Laomedon, Bank, Apr. 10.
Malayan Prince, Furness, Apr. 13.
Toba Maru, N.Y.K., Apr. 19.
Pres. Wilson, Dollar, Apr. 21.
Pres. Van Buren, Dollar, May 5.

BREMER.

Saabruecken, Melchers, Apr. 10.
Dessau, Melchers, Apr. 22.
Coblentz, Melchers, May 4.

BRINDISI.

Viminale, Dodwell's, Apr. 7.
Duchessa d'Aosta, D'well's, Apr. 20.
Esquilino, D'well's, Apr. 30.

CALCUTTA.

Genoa Maru, N.Y.K., Apr. 8.
Gambada, B.I., Apr. 10.
Yuenang, Jardine's, Apr. 13.
Rangoon Maru, N.Y.K., Apr. 16.
Santhia, B.I., Apr. 17.
Tilawa, B.I., Apr. 21.

CEBU.

G'den Dragon, States S.S., Apr. 8.
Everett, States S.S., Apr. 16.
Pennsylvania, States S.S., Apr. 18.

CHEFOO.

Kweichow, B. & S., Apr. 13.

COLOMBO.

Hakusan Maru, N.Y.K., Apr. 6.
Pres. Monroe, Dollar, Apr. 7.
Viminale, Dodwell's, Apr. 7.
Porthos, M.M., Apr. 9.

COPTENHAGEN.

Saabruecken, Melchers, Apr. 10.
Awa Maru, N.Y.K., Apr. 11.
Nalders, P. & O., Apr. 13.
Burgeland, Jelsen, Apr. 16.
Mirzapore, P. & O., Apr. 16.
Antenor, B.F., Apr. 17.

DALNY.

Karmala, P. & O., Apr. 20.
Kitano Maru, N.Y.K., Apr. 20.
Pres. Wilson, Dollar, Apr. 21.
Duchessa d'Aosta, D'well's, Apr. 22.
Chenonceaux, M.M., Apr. 23.
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DUTCH PORTS.

Alipore, P. & O., Apr. 24.
Bengal Maru, N.Y.K., Apr. 27.
Mantua, P. & O., Apr. 27.
Esquilino, D'well's, Apr. 30.
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Pres. Van Buren, Dollar, May 5.

GENOA.

Pres. Monroe, Dollar, Apr. 7.
Saabruecken, Melchers, Apr. 10.
Burgeland, Jelsen, Apr. 16.
Lima Maru, N.Y.K., Apr. 19.
Euryades, B.F., Apr. 20.

GLASGOW.

Antenor, B.F., Apr. 17.
Euryades, B.F., Apr. 20.

GOTHENBURG.

Chile, Manners, Apr. 19.
Sumatra, Gilman's, Apr. 21.

HAIPHONG AND HOIHOW.

Song Bo, M.M., Apr. 9.
Kwaiyang, B. & S., Apr. 10.
Tan, B. & S., Apr. 20.
Glenbank, Bank, Apr. 28.

HAMBURG.

Saabruecken, Melchers, Apr. 10.
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City of Kharthoum, Bank, Apr. 13.
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HAVRE.

Chile, Manners, Apr. 19.
Euryades, B.F., Apr. 20.

HONOLULU.

Pres. Lincoln, Dollar, Apr. 9.
Emp. of France, C.P.S., Apr. 10.
Korea Maru, N.Y.K., Apr. 17.
Rakuyo Maru, N.Y.K., Apr. 19.
Pres. Madison, Dollar, Apr. 23.
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Chronos, Dodwell's, Apr. 9.
Everett, States S.S., Apr. 16.
Pennsylvania, States S.S., Apr. 18.

JAPAN PORTS.

Nagano Maru, N.Y.K., Apr. 6.
Yokohama Maru, N.Y.K., Apr. 8.
Athos II, M.M., Apr. 9.
Pres. Lincoln, Dollar, Apr. 9.
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Takliwa, B.I., Apr. 10.
Kalyan, P. & O., Apr. 10.
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Pres. Monroe, Dollar, Apr. 7.
Golden Dragon, S.S.S., Apr. 8.
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Tjisalak, J.C.J.L., Apr. 10.
Laomedon, Bank, Apr. 10.

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Pres. Jackson, A.M.L., Apr. 27.
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Pennsylvania, States S.S., Apr. 18.
Pres. Wilson, Dollar, Apr. 21.
Pres. Pierce, Dollar, Apr. 23.
Aki Maru, N.Y.K., Apr. 24.
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Pres. Jackson, A.M.L., Apr. 27.
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SWATOW, AMOY, SWATOW & SHANGHAI	"ANTUNG"	On 7th Apr.	3 p.m.
AMOI, SHANGHAI & TIENTSIN	"SHANTUNG"	On 9th Apr.	5 p.m.
HONGKONG & SHANGHAI	"KWEIYANG"	On 10th Apr.	10 a.m.
SWATOW, SHANGHAI & DALY	"KIUKIANG"	On 12th Apr.	8 a.m.
SHANGHAI	"NINGPO"	On 12th Apr.	9 a.m.
WHEILU, CHEFOO & TIENTSIN	"KUEICHOW"	On 13th Apr.	8 a.m.
SWATOW, SHANGHAI & TIENTSIN	"SUNNING"	On 14th Apr.	8 a.m.
SWATOW & SHANGHAI	"KAYING"	On 14th Apr.	Noon
SWATOW, AMOY, SWATOW & SHANGHAI	"ANKING"	On 15th Apr.	5 p.m.
AMOI, SHANGHAI & TIENTSIN	"SZECHEW"	On 18th Apr.	5 p.m.
HONGKONG, PAKHOI & HAITUNG	"TEAN"	On 20th Apr.	11 a.m.
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APRIL 4, 1929.															APRIL 5, 1929.														
STATION	Hour	BAROMETER AT SEA LEVEL		TEMPERATURE	HUMIDITY	WIND		WIND (Beaufort)	Hour	BAROMETER AT SEA LEVEL		TEMPERATURE	HUMIDITY	WIND		WIND (Beaufort)	Hour												
		Inches	Millis.			Direction	Force (Mph)			Inches	Millis.			Direction	Force (Mph)														
Wladivostok	12	30.13	765.4	43	...	...	0	e	6	29.55	760.8	35	...	SE	2	...	12												
Nemuro	11	29.96	761.0	...	...	SSW	5	3	5	30.06	763.6	...	...	NW	2	...	12												
Hokodate	...	29.98	761.5	...	...	SW	...	...	...	30.16	766.0	...	...	NW	1	...	...												
Tokio	...	30.08	764.0	...	...	SE	...	1	...	30.20	767.0	...	...	NNW	1	...	...												
Kochi	...	30.08	764.0	...	...	SE	...	1	...	30.16	765.0	...	...	NNE	1	...	...												
Nagasaki	...	30.18	766.5	...	...	W	...	1	...	30.22	767.5	...	...	NW	1	...	...												
Kagoshima	...	30.12	765.0	...	...	SSE	...	1	...	30.18	766.5	...	...	NW	1	...	...												
Oshima	...	30.10	764.5	...	...	NE	...	1	...	30.14	765.5	...	...	NW	1	...	...												
Naha	...	30.08	764.0	...	...	NE	...	1	...	30.10	764.5	...	...	NE	1	...	...												
Ishigakijima	...	30.08	764.0	...	...	NW	...	2	...	30.04	763.0	...	...	NE	1	...	...												
Bonin Island	...	29.98	761.5	...	...	ENE	...	2	...	30.00	762.0	...	...	NE	1	...	...												
Chefoo	15	30.10	764.5	62	67	N	...	...	6	30.12	765.0	45	86	...	...	...	...												
Shanghai	14	30.21	767.4	70	21	ENE	...	...	...	30.23	767.7	45	97	ESE	...	...	...												
Gutzlaff	...	30.28	769.1	54	55	ESE	...	...	...	30.27	768.8	48	100	ESE	...	...	...												
Sharp Peak	...	30.04	763.5	65	73	E	...	...	...	30.11	764.8	58	81	NE	...	...	...												
Amoy	...	30.12	765.0	67	37	ENE	...	...	6	30.19	765.3	58	75	NE	...	...	...												
Swatow	...	30.09	764.3	64	90	E	...	...	...	30.11	764.8	57	94	NE	...	...	...												
Taiboku	11	30.15	765.9	66	71	ESE	...	...	3	30.10	764.4	61	91	E	...	...	...												
Taichu	...	30.12	765.0	72	...	...	...	...	...	30.08	764.1	59	...	...	...	...	...												
Tainan	...	30.08	764.1	79	...	N	...	...	...	30.05	763.2	63	...	...	...	...	...												
Koshu	...	30.06	763.5	75	...	NNE	...	...	...	30.02	762.6	70	...	N	...	...	...												
Pescadores	...	30.12	765.0	70	...	NNE	...	...	...	30.07	763.8	64	...	...	...	...	...												
Hong Kong	14	30.07	763.8	66	74	E	...	...	6	30.06	763.5	64	64	ENE	...	...	...												
Gap Rock	...	30.08	764.0	...	...	ENE	...	...	...	30.05	763.2	64	64	ENE	...	...	...												
Macao	...	30.05	763.2	68	77	NE	...	...	...	30.01	762.3	64	80	ESE	...	...	...												
Hoihow	...	30.03	762.7	71	95	ENE	...	...	...	30.00	762.0	71	80	NE	...	...	...												
Pratas Island	...	30.02	762.5	75	71	NE	...	...	...	30.02	762.8	63	100	NNE	...	...	...												
Phulien	15	30.05	763.2	66	82	...	...	...	7	29.98	761.4	68	...	NW	...	...	...												
Tourane	...	29.94	770.5	70	...	NNW	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...												
Cape St. James	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...												
Basco	14	29.95	760.8	73	79	E	...	...	6	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...												
Aparri	...	29.91	759.6	82	63	NE	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...												
Tuguegarao	...	29.87	758.7	86	49	NW	...	...	...	29.94	760.5	72	91	N	...	...	...												
Vigan	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	29.85	758.1	79	58	ESE	...	...	...												
Manila	...	29.84	757.8	86	62	ESE	...	...	...	29.88	759.0	70	91	ENT	...	...	...												
Legaspi	...	29.81	757.2	86	71	NE	...	...	...	29.87	758.7	72	84	NNE	...	...	...												
Calbayog	...	29.80	756.9	86	71	NNW	...	...	...	29.86	758.4	72	86	...	...	...	...												
Tacloban	...	29.80	756.9	86	75	NW	...	...	...	29.86	758.4	75	91	NW	...	...	...												
Iloilo	...	29.79	756.6	90	57	NE	...	...	...	29.84	757.8	75	91	N	...	...	...												
Cebu	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	29.84	757.8	75	91	N	...	...	...												
Surigao	...	29.80	756.9	77	91	NE	...	...	...	29.82	757.5	75	96	...	...	...	...												
Saipan	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	29.81	757.7	76	...	ESE	...	...	...												
Guam	12.32	29.80	756.9	...	...	E	...	...	4.22	29.87	758.7	...	...	NE	...	...	...												
Yap	11.00	29.76	756.0	...	...	NE	...	...	...	29.81	757.2	...	...	E	...	...	...												
Pelew	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	ESE	...	...	...												
Ponape	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	ESE	...	...	...												
Labuan	14	29.79	756.6	88	92	NW	...	...	6	29.84	757.9	79	...	ENE	...	...	...												
										29.83	757.7	78	91	...	...	...	...												

April 5d. 11h. 15m.—The anticyclone is now central to the south of Korea.
Moderate monsoon will continue along the S.E. coast of China and over the N. China Sea.
Hong Kong rainfall for the 24 hours ending at 10 a.m. today, 0.00 inch. Total since January 1, 2.02 inches, against an average of 6.77 inches.

FORECAST FOR THE 24 HOURS ENDING AT NOON ON THE 6th.

- 1.—Formosa Channel
- 2.—South coast of China between Hong Kong and Lamocks
- 3.—Hong Kong to Gap Rock
- 4.—South coast of China between Hong Kong and Hainan

E. winds, moderate; fair.

C. W. JEFFRIES—Director.

HONG KONG METEOROLOGICAL REGISTER.

Hong Kong Observatory, April 5.

	Previous Day at 4 p.m.	On Date at 10 a.m.	On Date at 4 p.m.
Barometer	30.05	30.08	29.99
Temperature	66	69	68
Humidity	75	47	51
Wind	...	...	...
Direction	E	ENE	E
Force	1	4	2
Weather	0	0	2
Rain	0.00	0.40	0.00

Highest open-air Temperature, 4: 67

Lowest open-air Temperature, 5: 63

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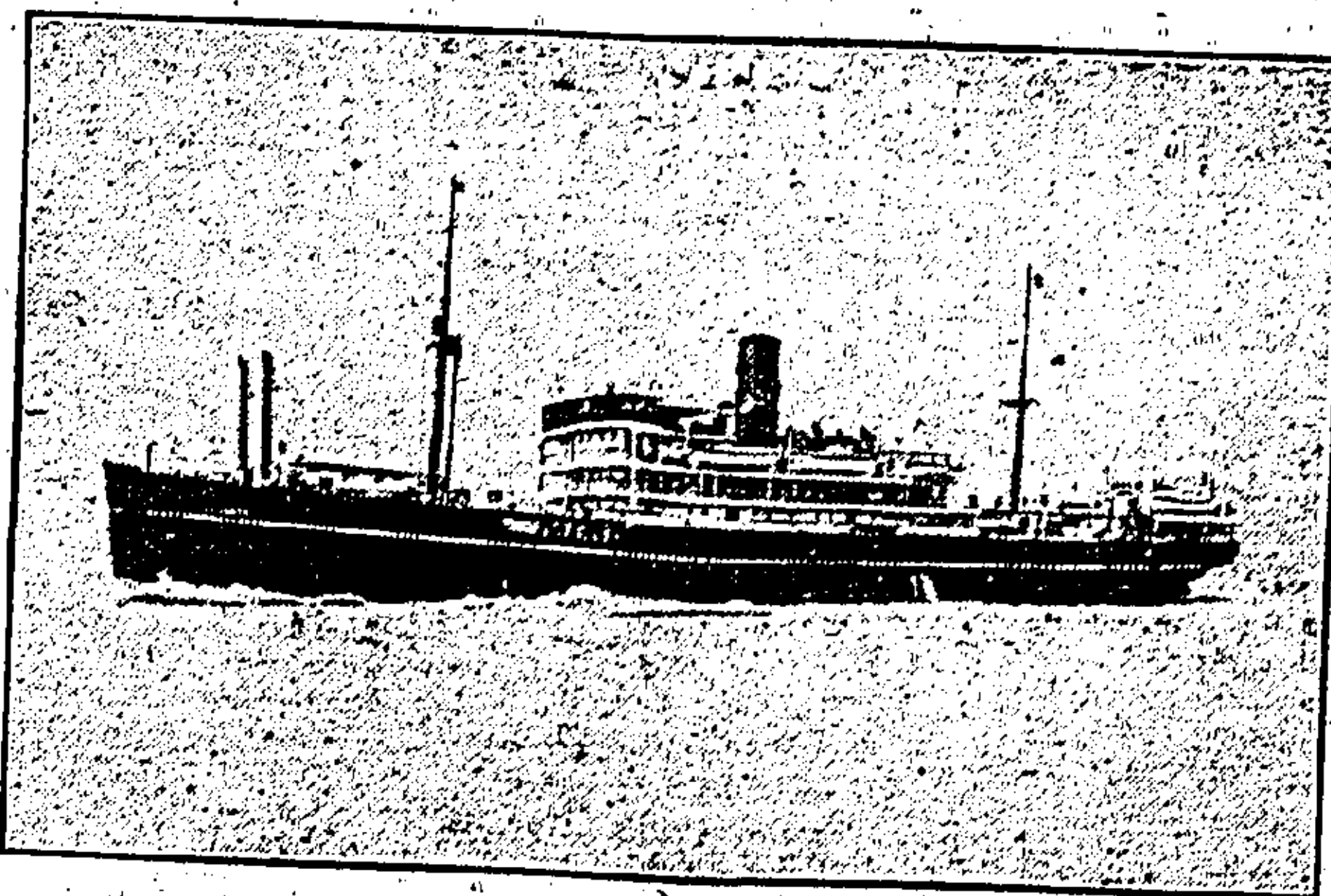
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	"HANGSANG"	Sun., 14th Apr., at 7 a.m.
	"CHAKSANG"	Wed., 17th Apr., at 7 a.m.
OSAKA via AMOY, MOJI & KOBE	"HAMSANG"	Wed., 17th Apr., at 7 a.m.
	"HOSANG"	Fri., 26th Apr., at 7 a.m.
OSAKA via AMOY, SHAI, MOJI & KOBE	"KUTSANG"	Sun., 5th May, at 7 a.m.
STRAITS & CALCUTTA	"YUENSANG"	Satur., 18th Apr., at 10 a.m.
SANDAKAN	"HINSANG"	Satur., 18th Apr., at 10 a.m.
	"MAUSANG"	Thurs., 2nd May, at 10 a.m.
TIENTSIN	"CHIPSANG"	Tues., 9th Apr., at 5 p.m.
CANTON	"HANGSANG"	Mon., 8th Apr., at 5 p.m.

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